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Ronald N. (Ron) Priddy, **10 Tanker Air Carrier Director of Government Affairs**, has more than 40 years of experience in all aspects of aviation operations, management and in Washington, DC representation. As 10 Tanker Air Carrier (the Company) Director of Government affairs since 2009, he has maintained frequent interaction with executive departments; with staff, congressmen and senators in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate; and with various foreign embassies needing superior wildfire suppression support. In so doing, he assists in the implementation of the Company commitment to keep the U.S. government informed of the current status of national wildfire fighting; provide suggestions on how to improve in the future; and to actively protect the public, particularly in the urban interface, from wildfire disasters.

Mr. Priddy is an experienced aviator with more than 5,000 flight hours as an Air Force pilot and has earned FAA certification as an Airline Transport Pilot and as an Air Traffic Controller in both tower and approach control operations. As a U.S. Air Force Colonel, he served the nation during Desert Shield/Desert Storm as Director, Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF), managing more than 5,000 commercial flights at DOD direction to U.S. Central Command destinations in the Middle East. Upon retirement, he served the aviation industry as President and CEO of the National Air Carrier Association from 2000 - 2007. He is currently a volunteer member of the Transportation Research Board's Military Transportation Committee (AT035).

10 Tanker Air Carrier, a privately owned and financed corporation, was the first of the Next Generation Air Tankers to enter service under US Forest Service's NEXTGEN 1.0 contract to improve protection around the nation from active wildfires. 10 Tanker has flown more than 1,700 missions over more than 300 active wildfires in the United States, Canada and Australia.

