Transport Canada Update to the ASCENT Advisory Board

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Purpose

Update on Government of Canada's priorities and Transport Canada's activities related to aviation research.

Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change

- Announced in December 2016:
  - 4 pillars: pricing carbon pollution, reduction of emissions across the economy, adaptation and climate resilience, clean technology, innovation and jobs
- Reduction of GHG emissions by 30% below 2005 emission levels by 2030
- Central piece is carbon pricing
  - Federal carbon tax on fuels came into effect on April 1, 2019
    - 2019: $20 per ton CO_2
    - 2022: $50 per ton CO_2

Transport Canada Activities

- Release of the 2016 Canada's Action Plan to Reduce GHG Emissions from Aviation in December 2017:
  - Aspirational goal to improve fuel efficiency by 2% annual average until 2020 form 2005 baseline
- In collaboration with other departments:
  - Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)
    - Clean Growth Hub
  - Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
    - The Sky's the Limit Challenge
- Development of new contribution agreement with the FAA to support research by ASCENT – 5 years – 2018-2023

The Sky's the Limit Challenge

- Consists of two competitions to develop new, lower-cost ways to produce biojet fuel in Canada and support the creation of a Canadian supply chain

1. Green Aviation Fuels Innovation Competition
    - $2 million awarded to four applicants to put their plan into action and compete for the grand prize
        - Call for proposals deadline: February 1, 2019
        - Four finalists announced on May 31, 2019:
            - Carbon Engineering
            - Enerkem
            - Forge Hydrocarbons
            - SAF+ Consortium
        - Next step: submission of 10 liters (2.6 USG) of biojet fuel by November 2020
    - $5 million grand prize awarded to the team that will develop the best made-in-Canada biojet fuel

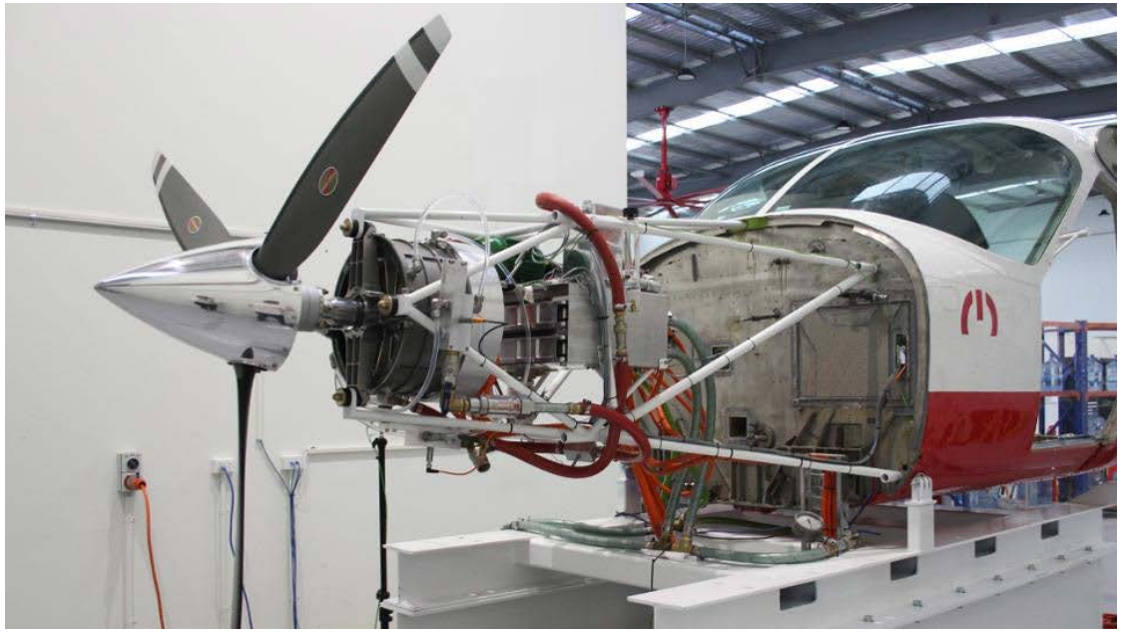
The Sky's the Limit Challenge

2. Cross-Canada Flight Competition
   - $1 million awarded to first producer to provide the fuel required to complete the first cross-Canada (3,000 km ≈ 1,620 nm) flight using a minimum 10% blend of made-in-Canada biojet fuel
     - Competition begins: March 1, 2019
     - Competition closes: January 1, 2021

   - A biojet producer validly incorporated or registered in Canada
   - Production of 2,500 liters (≈ 660 USG)
   - The first producer to meet all the criteria for their "Made in Canada" biojet fuel will win one million dollars.

Other National Activities

- Harbour Air all electric seaplane:
  - DHC-2 Beaver
  - 750 hp magniX motor
  - 30 minutes flight time + 30 minutes reserve
  - First flight tests in November 2019



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