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HOUSTON, Tex. – Earth Science Week, a program of the American Geosciences Institute (AGI), is partnering with George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston to exhibit more than 20 top photos entered in the celebration's 2017 photo contest, which recently explored the theme of "Earth and Human Activity Here." These eye-catching photos will be on display in Terminal B of the airport from June 24 through July 26, 2018.

Shutterbugs from far and wide submitted striking photos that captured evidence of human interaction with natural systems including land, water, air, and living things around their communities. Roxie Khalili of Foster City, California, for instance, won first place with her image creatively showing human-built infrastructure surrounding a nearby lagoon and its inhabitants.

The traveling photo display debuted late last year in the heart of the nation's capital, at Washington, D.C.'s Union Station, one of the country's busiest train stations. The display also was made available to visitors at Mazza Gallerie, a high-traffic, upscale shopping mall in Washington, D.C., earlier this year. The traveling display is an ongoing program offering, exhibiting photos in high-attendance public spaces nationwide.

The innovation is the brainchild of the ESW@20 Advisory Committee, a panel created in recognition that Earth Science Week had grown over two decades to become the geoscience community's leading public awareness campaign. The committee of representatives from partner organizations launched the display as a way of celebrating the program's 20th anniversary and promoting awareness of the importance of the geosciences to society.

Earth Science Week is celebrated each October and reaches more than 50 million people across the country and around the world with information, activities, and educational resources promoting appreciation and understanding of Earth system science. Learn more about Earth Science Week online at www.earthsciweek.org.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of 52 scientific and professional associations that represents more than 260,000 geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

The American Geosciences Institute represents and serves the geoscience community by providing collaborative leadership and information to connect Earth, science, and people.

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