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Women in Aerospace Addresses “Challenges and Opportunities at the Dawn of a New Decade” at First-Ever Day-Long Conference May 18

Washington, D.C.—Women in Aerospace (WIA, www.womeninaerospace.org), a leading professional organization dedicated to expanding women’s opportunities for leadership and increasing their visibility in the aerospace community, will host its first day-long conference called *Aerospace 2010* on Tuesday, May 18 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The event coincides with the 25th anniversary of the founding of WIA.

“We are tremendously excited about this event, which provides a forum for discussing a number of topics of interest to both men and women in our dynamic industry,” said WIA President Daryle Lademan. “These are exciting and challenging times for the aerospace sector, as we struggle to adapt to a changing workforce, difficult economic times, evolving budgetary priorities, and different perspectives on the role of government and the private sector in everything from human spaceflight to deploying the next-generation air traffic management system to keep our skies safe,” she added.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to network with industry leaders and participate in educational sessions including “The Vital Role of Aerospace Assets in National Security,” “The Future of Human Space Flight,” and “Air Transportation Modernization.” The event will also include an all-day career fair, a panel of Board-level executive women in the aerospace and defense industry, a luncheon address by Dr. Regina Dugan, the first female director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and a late afternoon cocktail reception honoring women luminaries from government, academia, and industry.

“ITT is proud to be the marquis sponsor of WIA’s conference. WIA fills a necessary niche when it comes to our company’s workforce development,” said Bruce Wald, Vice President & General Manager, ITT Night Vision & Imaging. Other conference sponsors include The Avascent Group, The Boeing Company, Ball Aerospace, DFL Space, Infinite Links, SAS, DigitalGlobe, ATK, Lockheed Martin, Metron Aviation, MITRE, Orbital, SAIC, and the Aerospace Industries Association.

For more information or to register for the conference, visit <http://www.womeninaerospace.org/>.

About Women in Aerospace

For more than 20 years, Women in Aerospace (WIA) has been dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing their visibility in the aerospace community. The organization's membership of both women and men shares an interest in a broad spectrum of aerospace issues, including human space flight, aviation, remote sensing, satellite communications, robotic space exploration, and the policy issues surrounding these fields. WIA members have access to networking opportunities, aerospace-related programming, professional development, and career resources.