



Women in Corporate Aviation
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Women in Corporate Aviation announces Solairus Aviation has committed \$10,000 towards a more equitable and inclusive aviation industry.

SOUTHAVEN, Miss. – January 20, 2021– Women in Corporate Aviation (WCA) is announcing a new donation and corporate partnership with Solairus Aviation. The partnership will take many forms; spotlighting programs that share mutual values on diversity recruitment & employee retention, career advancement training, and the importance of creating a safe working environment inside and outside of the flight deck. This announcement comes following a challenging year along with a global call for heightened corporate responsibility to look inward at their systems & processes.

The \$10,000 corporate donation will be broken into the following categories for distribution:

- Inventive Student Outreach
- \$2,500 - Solairus Aviation Advanced Flight Training Scholarship honoring Willa Beatrice Brown
- Technology Tools

“Both of our organizations feel a deep sense of responsibility to ensure the current and future landscape of business aviation reflects a more equitable and inclusive workforce.” said Tracie Carwile, Corporate Development Coordinator and Board Director for Women In Corporate Aviation.

“We are thrilled at Solairus to begin a formal relationship with Women in Corporate Aviation in this exciting way and we hope to continue supporting their efforts to diversify business aviation in the years ahead. There are few causes and initiatives more important for our industry and we all must seek to be part of the solution.” Said Dan Drohan, CEO Solairus Aviation.

Both, Women In Corporate Aviation and Solairus Aviation are dedicated to mentoring and supporting current professionals in the industry and welcoming the next generation as they forge their own path. Together, the two organizations will be prioritizing the removal of identified and perceived barriers to success in 2021.

About Solairus Aviation:

Solairus is a US-based private aviation services company whose core business is assisting aircraft owners with the safe, reliable, and efficient management and operation of their aircraft. Our services are customized to meet the client’s individual travel and financial requirements, and to support their flight operation with the highest standards of safety and personalized service, regardless of the location of the aircraft.

Solairus was founded in 2009 and is headquartered in the San Francisco Bay Area. Solairus has over sixty-five base locations nationwide, employing more than 1,500 flight crew and support personnel to operate a fleet currently numbering over two hundred and twenty aircraft. Solairus is an Aviation Research Group/US Platinum-Rated and Wyvern Wingman certified charter operator. Solairus has also received the NBAA Commercial Business Flying Safety Award and is an IS-BAO Stage Three certified



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company. Solairus offers a full range of services in addition to aircraft management, which includes aircraft charter sales, aviation support services, and consulting.

About Willa Beatrice Brown

An American aviator, lobbyist, teacher, and civil rights activist. She was the first African American woman to earn a private & commercial license in the United States, the first African American woman to run for the United States Congress, first African American officer in the Civil Air Patrol, and first woman in the U.S. to hold both a pilot's license and an aircraft mechanic's license. Additionally, she co-founded the first private flight training academy owned and operated by African Americans. Many of the pilots she trained went on to become Tuskegee Airmen.

About Women in Corporate Aviation

WCA is a premier 501(C)(3) non-profit mentoring association for professionals in corporate and business aviation. Providing networking, mentoring, scholarships and educational opportunities for current and future corporate/business aviation professionals. WCA offers both individual and corporate memberships. To join, please visit us at www.wca-intl.org.