Celeste Ford, Chair of Stellar Solutions, Inc. Wins First-Ever Silicon Valley “Woman of Wisdom” Award

Female aerospace engineering entrepreneur and icon of inspiration to speak at Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce awards luncheon

PALO ALTO, Calif. (PRWEB) October 11, 2019 -- Celeste Ford, Founder and Board Chair of Stellar Solutions, Inc., a global aerospace engineering services leader, will be honored with the inaugural Silicon Valley “Woman of Wisdom” Award by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. She will accept the award at the organization’s annual Athena Awards luncheon on November 7, 2019 at the Garden Court Hotel.

The Silicon Valley “Woman of Wisdom” Award was established by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce to recognize a distinguished professional whose exceptional career serves as an inspiration for others in her field.

“Celeste Ford reflects the innovation and entrepreneurship ethos of Silicon Valley. She carved out a career as an aerospace engineer when few women were in the field. She has developed a thriving, internationally-recognized company. And she is dedicated to expanding the role of young women in STEM. Taken together, she is an icon of inspiration to our city and the nation,” said Judy Kleinberg, President of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Foundation.

In accepting the award, Ford will share her perspectives on women in leadership.

“On behalf of Stellar Solutions and our exemplary team, I am honored to be recognized in the city of our founding headquarters and a place of legendary innovation. Here in Palo Alto, we are demonstrating how we can lead successful companies and build a thriving community for all.” Ford said.

Stellar Solutions, Inc. is a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award-winning aerospace company that Ford founded in 1995 with the vision to satisfy customers’ critical needs while realizing employees’ dream jobs. This included developing a global presence through Stellar Solutions Aerospace Limited (UK) and Stellar Solutions Aerospace France. Stellar Solutions has made Fortune Magazine’s “Great Places to Work” list for the past five years running.

Ford established the QuakeFinder humanitarian R&D program in 2001 and the Stellar Solutions Foundation in 1998. QuakeFinder is the world’s leading private earthquake forecasting research organization, dedicated to the discovery of methods for warning communities of imminent destructive earthquakes. The corporate foundation supports community-based and charitable organizations and enables employee-driven involvement.

Ford’s distinguished career includes serving as a guidance and control engineer for COMSAT (Communications Satellite Corporation), and as a project manager role with the Aerospace Corporation where her work on NASA’s Space Shuttle Program led to recognition as “Woman of the Year” among other leadership positions.

Ford holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Science from Stanford University, both in Aerospace Engineering. A compelling thought leader and passionate advocate for key issues, she serves as a known and respected expert on numerous technical panels, congressional commissions, and boards of major universities and companies. She is also affiliated with the Silicon Valley
Leadership Group and the national Council on Foreign Relations.

Her recognitions include Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year, the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame, one of Fortune Small Business Magazine’s Best Bosses, and the Women in Aerospace Leadership Award.

She resides in Portola Valley, CA with her husband Kevin and they have three grown children.

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