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**SEASTRAND SERVES ON AIR FORCE CIVIC LEADERS COUNCIL  
California's Space Enterprise Voice is Heard**

SANTA MARIA -- Andrea Seastrand, Executive Director of the California Space Authority (CSA), was among a select group of individuals from around the country -- and the only one from California -- who participated in the Air Force Civic Leader Program's State of the Air Force conference at the Pentagon, April 29, 2009.

The Air Force Civic Leader (AFCL) Program, jointly led by the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff, is facilitated by the Air Force Public Affairs office. Active members of the AFCL Program, currently numbering 27, function as personal advisors to Air Force leadership and as key communicators and advocates for Air Force issues.

Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley welcomed the group and launched a full day of briefings by members of Air Force leadership on several Air Force topics and issues. The conference concluded with presentations to the Air Force Association as well as AFCL Program alumni, presided by Secretary Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff, General Norton A. Schwartz. Mrs. Seastrand has served in the AFCL Program since its inception in 2006 and will remain in active engagement through January 2010.



***CSA Executive Director, Andrea Seastrand, pictured 4<sup>th</sup> from the top right on the stairway, remains active in the Air Force Civic Leader Program by special invitation from Air Force Secretary Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff General Schwartz (front row, center left and right, respectively).***

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