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The National Business Center's Aviation Management Directorate Participated in the 20th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference

Washington DC- The Department of the Interior's (DOI) National Business Center (NBC) Aviation Management Directorate (AMD) collaborated with the NBC's Human Resources Directorate and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to participate in a successful outreach and recruiting initiative during the 20th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, February 26th- 28th. This was NBC's first ever exhibit at the

annual conference. Sponsoring a full exhibit provided an opportunity for outreach to an important segment of the aviation community and highlights NBC's commitment to increase opportunities for women.

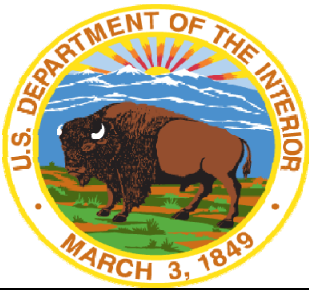
"The NBC is committed to serving the Aviation Community and in doing so proactively seeks opportunities to increase awareness on DOI/NBC's unique aviation mission".

Douglas J. Bourgeois
Director
National Business Center



From Left to Right- FWS, Karen Bollinger, AMD, Maria Mancano, and Aviation Training Specialist –Meg Gallagher

Women in Aviation International (WAI), the sponsoring organization of the annual conference, began in 1990 and was formally established in 1994 to encourage women to seek opportunities in aviation. The NBC felt it crucial to attend WAI's annual event to advertise the opportunities that exist within AMD. There are nearly 600,000 active pilots in the United States and of that only six percent are women, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. In addition, women account for only 3.85 percent of the more than 500,000 non-pilot aviation jobs in the United States.



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“Based on the level of interest that was generated, I rate the event a huge success”

Maria Mancano, AMD
Aviation Safety Compliance
Specialist and Helicopter Pilot
National Business Center

The turn out for this year’s event was extraordinary, bringing in over 3,000 men and women, of which more than 500 visited the collaborative DOI aviation exhibit. NBC and FWS team members provided detailed information to the exhibit visitors concerning aviation career opportunities within the DOI as well as an overview of the unique aviation missions performed by the Department.

To read more about the 2009 WAI Conference, please visit:

http://www.wai.org/news/press/09_wai_03.html

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