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**Spirit AeroSystems Inc. invites Girl Scouts CEO for Global Diversity Month**

*Sylvia Acevedo will speak with Spirit AeroSystems about diversity in the workforce*

WICHITA – In celebration of Global Diversity Awareness Month, Spirit AeroSystems Inc. has invited Girl Scouts of the USA CEO, Sylvia Acevedo, to speak as their Diversity Keynote guest.

Spirit AeroSystems Inc. EVP and Chief Administration Officer, Sam Marnick, will sit down with Acevedo to discuss the power of diversity in the workforce and her personal journey from Girl Scout to rocket scientist. The candid conversation will be streamed on Thursday, October 25 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Facebook Live and hosted by Spirit AeroSystems (@SpiritAero). Acevedo will tell her story of how Girl Scouts piqued her interest in STEM and what led to her career at NASA's Jet Propulsion Labs.

"There is still a very real need to show girls and young women the opportunities available to them in STEM careers," said Marnick. "Sylvia's story is truly inspiring and empowering, and we are honored that she is coming back to Spirit to share it with our employees."

Earlier this year, Acevedo spoke about her experiences at Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland's partner event with Spirit AeroSystems, Innovation Soars with Spirit. The event introduced girls to STEM experiences to help develop the pipeline of workforce-ready women with the skills to keep companies competitive. Because of her message and Girl Scout's history of inclusivity and diversity, they responded by welcoming Acevedo back to Wichita with the intention to share how Spirit AeroSystems' mission and Acevedo's story align.

“Girl Scouts has always been an inclusive organization. We value diversity and the benefits it brings to teams working to make progress on challenging problems. Diversity fosters innovation by bringing to the table a range of perspectives and ideas,” said Liz Workman, CEO of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland.

The fireside conversation will stream on Facebook for the whole community to tune in, more information may be found [here](#).

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### **About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland**

*Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 11,700 members in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.*