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**AIAA TO PRESENT AWARDS FOR TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE
AND SERVICE AT SEPTEMBER CONFERENCES**

September 9, 2010 – Reston, Va. – The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) will honor the winners of AIAA technical achievement and service awards at a noon awards luncheon on September 14 in conjunction with the 10th AIAA Aviation Technology, Integration, and Operations (ATIO) Conference and the 13th AIAA/ISSMO Multidisciplinary Analysis Optimization Conference, to be held September 13–15 at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas.

The awardees are:

- **Daniel Raymer**, president, Conceptual Research Corp., Playa del Ray, Calif., who will receive the **AIAA Aircraft Design Award**. The award is presented to a design engineer or team for the conception, definition, or development of an original concept or career contributions leading to significant advancement in aircraft design or design technology. Raymer is being recognized for a career of teaching, performing and pioneering aircraft conceptual designs across industry and academia, and for his influence through education which has helped countless students and professionals and left an enduring legacy.
- **Michael B. Leahy Jr.**, chief architect, advanced plans and technology division, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, El Segundo, Calif., who will receive the **AIAA Hap Arnold Award for Excellence in Aeronautical Program Management**. The award is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions in the management of a significant aeronautical related program or project. Leahy is being recognized for outstanding contributions to the development of unmanned combat air vehicles and leadership in Air Force technology development and investment planning processes.
- **Achille Messac**, distinguished professor and department chair, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., who will receive the **AIAA Multidisciplinary Design Optimization Award**. The award is presented for outstanding contributions to the development and/or application of recognized techniques of multidisciplinary design optimization in the context of aerospace engineering. Messac is being recognized for pioneering research in multidisciplinary design optimization including control structure integrated design and physical programming, and for outstanding and visionary leadership in the aerospace community.
- **The Cessna Skycatcher Design Team**, Cessna Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kan., which will receive the **AIAA Piper General Aviation Award**. The award is presented for outstanding contributions leading to the advancement of general aviation. The team is being recognized for the development of the Cessna Skycatcher Light Sport Aircraft compliant with ASTM standards. **Derek Mookhoek**, program manager, and **Neal Willford**, project engineer, will accept the award on behalf of the Skycatcher Design Team.

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- **Todd Farley**, chief, flight trajectory dynamics and controls branch, NASA Ames Research Center Moffet Field, Calif., who will receive an **AIAA Sustained Service Award** to recognize over a decade of outstanding dedicated service to AIAA at the national and local level, from the Air Transportation Systems Technical Committee to the local San Francisco Section.

For more information about the AIAA Honors and Award program, please contact Carol Stewart at carols@aiaa.org or 703.264.7623.

For more information about the 10th AIAA Aviation Technology, Integration, and Operations (ATIO) Conference and the 13th AIAA/ISSMO Multidisciplinary Analysis Optimization Conference, please contact Duane Hyland at 703.264.7558 or duaneh@aiaa.org. Registration is free for credentialed members of the press.

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