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The RNASA Foundation is pleased to announce that **Mark N. Sirangelo**, Corporate Vice President, Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) and Chairman of SNC Space Systems (www.sncspace.com) will present the keynote address at the annual awards banquet April 27, 2012.

SNC is a multi-billion dollar US aerospace & technology company with offices in 16 States and employs over 2,300 people. SNC Space Systems has lead or participated in over 400 space missions, including over 70 for NASA, and has successfully produced and launched over 4,000 space systems, subsystems and components. SNC's products range from several classes of satellites to specialized space technologies that have enabled over 20 planetary missions (including 12 to Mars), to hybrid rocket motors for the likes of Scaled Composite's SpaceShipOne vehicle that won the Ansari X-Prize in 2004, to the SNC Dream Chaser Space Vehicle now under development with NASA to transport humans to and from space and which will conduct its first flights in 2012.

Mr. Sirangelo is not only a leader in the aerospace industry, including being a Trustee for the Aeronautics Industries Association, but is also a champion of the growing commercial space sector. He is Chairman Emeritus of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation (www.commercialspaceflight.org) and the founding and current Chairman of eSpace, the Center for Space Entrepreneurship (www.espacecenter.org). eSpace is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports STEM education and the creation and development of entrepreneurial space companies through the collaboration of industry, government, and academic partners.

A Board member and Trustee of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com), Mr. Sirangelo is also working to make the world a safer place for children. He is also a founder, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer of the International Centre for Children (www.icmec.org) which now operates in dozens of countries. These organizations serve as the world's resource on children's issues and provide resources to law enforcement, parents, teachers and children, including child victims. The Centers have resolved over 100,000 missing children's cases and have created such nationally known programs as the Amber Alert.

Though Mr. Sirangelo prefers to shine the spotlight on others, his work has been recognized with numerous corporate and personal awards. He was named to the Defense Industry's Fast Track 50, Deloitte's Fast Track 500, selected as a finalist in Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year, included in Inc. Magazine's top 200 companies and had his company inducted into the NASA/Space Foundation's Technology Hall of Fame.

Mr. Sirangelo was formerly the Chairman & CEO of SpaceDev, Inc., prior to its merging with SNC and has spent most of his earlier career leading aeronautics, space and technology companies. He is a technologist with a multi-faceted background and education as an U.S. Army Officer, a licensed pilot, photographer and holds a bachelor's of science, a master's of business administration and a doctorate from Seton Hall University. END