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Subject: ***The 100th Anniversary Tribute to the Legacy of Bessie Coleman Tour***

Dear Future Sponsors and Partners,

My name is Gigi Coleman and I am the President of the Bessie Coleman Aviation All-Stars, Incorporated (BCAA). I am also the Grand Niece of Elizabeth (Bessie) Coleman. June 15, 2021 will be the 100th International Commemorative Anniversary of Bessie Coleman, the First African American and Native American Woman being awarded her International Pilot's License in France.

We are writing to you to join us as a sponsor/partner for ***The 100th Anniversary Tribute to the Legacy of Bessie Coleman Tour***. Each year, our team works extremely hard to bring awareness and raise money for our organization to provide low income and at-risk high school students an opportunity to succeed. We have produced hundreds of students over the years through field trips, discovery flights, drone education and more. Many have graduated and pursued Aviation careers.

BCAA is excited to be the Official Headquarters and host of this special tribute which will consist of a ten (10) cities/towns tour throughout the United States to raise funds to award twenty (20) Scholarships to 10 High School and 10 College students. We plan that at each city/town event either a high school or college student will be awarded representing the 100th Anniversary Tribute to Queen Bess. (One award per city/town and 10 for BCAA) We started this historic journey in 2020 then COVID-19 Pandemic hit the entire world and still does. We are truly grateful to the organizations, media, radio, television, museums and individuals who have helped us promote this tour even during these challenging times.

As we all have had to adjust due to CDC guidelines and travel restrictions, part of the tour will be virtual as well as live, We had planned to end the US Tour, travel to Commemorate and pay Tribute in France and end at the Paris Airshow, However, Due to COVID-19, the Paris Airshow was cancelled until 2023 and International Travel to Paris became restrictive. But, This year, we want to go even further and host our most impactful event yet!

We ask you to consider sponsoring/partnering our Historic Tribute; join us. Please find attached our Sponsorship/Partnership Opportunities Information. A gift, donation, sponsorship/partnership will make a

huge difference in our ability to plan and execute this Historic National Tour to award 20 Scholarships to 10 high school students and 10 college students pursuing an Aviation and Aerospace Career and Commemorating the International Tribute in France in 2022.

If you'd like to support this Historic Tribute or discuss our plans, please contact me at 773-437-7395 and our National Chair, Dr, Sheila L. Chamberlain at 954-639-2407.

Thank you, Sincerely,

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