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AAR and Trax sponsor soFLY Girls in Aviation Tech Day



AAR and Trax team members participate in soFLY Girls in Aviation Tech Day, connecting with more than 250 students from across southern Florida.

Wood Dale, Illinois — AAR CORP., a leading provider of aviation services to commercial and government operators, MROs, and OEMs, partnered with soFLY Southern Tropics Inc. to host soFLY Girls in Aviation Tech Day Powered by AAR & Trax, on March 19, 2025, at Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) in Miami. With a growing industry demand for skilled talent, this

event served as an opportunity for students to learn more about aviation, STEM, and available career paths and to connect with professionals in the aviation industry.

During the event, AAR team members presented “A day in the life of an aircraft mechanic” to help students envision a career with the Company. Trax exhibited “Mobilizing aviation maintenance,” demonstrating how technology is transforming the field. The event also included flight simulators and an introduction to soFLY’s Women in Aviation international mentor connect program. More than 250 high school and college students from southern Florida participated.

AAR, Trax, and soFLY invest in recruitment initiatives, training, and educational opportunities to engage the next generation of aviators and advance the future of aviation. soFLY Girls in Aviation Tech Day Powered by AAR & Trax is the annual flagship event of the partnership.

“Enthusiasm for this event and the overwhelming participation demonstrates youth are interested in the role of technology in the future of aviation. This is encouraging from a workforce pipeline perspective and supports AAR’s interest in growing the Best Team in Aviation to meet current and future demand,” said Shannon Egan, AAR’s Leadership Development Trainer based in Miami. Egan, who also serves as Vice President of the Company’s female-focused employee resource group, Ascend, continued, “AAR is grateful for the partnership of soFLY and their work in southern Florida, where the industry continues to flourish.”

“The future of aviation depends on cultivating a skilled, dynamic, and inspired workforce — and that starts with creating opportunities for the next generation. Through collaborative efforts with industry leaders like AAR and Trax, soFLY is dedicated to bridging the gap between education and career readiness. By providing exposure to aviation MROs and emerging technologies, we’re preparing young people to step confidently into high-demand roles, driving innovation and ensuring the long-term success of the industry,” said Jessica Matthews, President & Co-Founder of soFLY Southern Tropics Inc.

About AAR

AAR is a global aerospace and defense aftermarket solutions company with operations in over 20 countries. Headquartered in the Chicago area, AAR supports commercial and government customers through four operating segments: Parts Supply, Repair & Engineering, Integrated Solutions, and Expeditionary Services. Additional information can be found at aarcorp.com.

About Trax

Trax is the premier provider of aviation maintenance mobile and cloud products in the global aviation market and a wholly owned subsidiary of AAR CORP. Trax products support digital signatures, paperless working, including workpacks and manuals, RFID-capability for logistics, biometric security, offline capability for its suite of mobile apps, web-based applications, and the ability for users to work anywhere with easy access to real-time information. Through its eMRO and eMobility products, Trax provides comprehensive software solutions designed to manage all aspects of aircraft maintenance. Additional information can be found at trax.aero.

About soFLY Southern Tropics Inc.

soFLY Southern Tropics Inc. (soFLY) is a registered nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and chapter of Women in Aviation International (WAI). soFLY represents South Florida to the Islands and is committed to empowering and supporting women in all aspects of aviation, serving all South Florida. Our mission is to provide encouragement, education, and opportunities for women to pursue and thrive in aviation careers. Through a variety of programs, events, and initiatives,

soFLY Southern Tropics aims to inspire the next generation of female aviators and foster a supportive community for women in aviation. Additional information can be found at soflywai.org.

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