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Dr. Wanda Austin is president and CEO of The Aerospace Corporation, a leading architect for U.S. space programs. She assumed this position in January 2008. Previously, she was senior vice president (SVP) of the company's National Systems Group, which supports the Intelligence community in the acquisition, launch, and operation of advanced technology space systems and their ground stations. She was also SVP of the Engineering and Technology Group, directing a staff of 1,000 engineers and scientists working in space-related disciplines. Austin is internationally recognized for her work in satellite and payload system acquisition, systems engineering, and system simulation. She is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and a member of the International Academy of Astronautics. She is committed to inspiring the next generation to study STEM disciplines and make science and engineering their preferred career choices. Under her leadership, a number of national initiatives are supported by Aerospace Corp., including participation in MathCounts, US FIRST Robotics, and Change the Equation. Austin earned a bachelor's in mathematics from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, master's degrees in systems engineering and mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh, and a doctorate in systems engineering from the University of Southern California.

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