BREWER TROPHY AWARDED TO NASA OFFICIAL

Arlington, VA – Deborah V. Gallaway, education program manager for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has been selected to receive the Frank G. Brewer Trophy for 2004. The Brewer Trophy, administered by the National Aeronautic Association, is awarded annually for “significant contributions of enduring value to aerospace education in the United States.” The trophy has been awarded every year since 1943.

Gallaway was cited for “substantially enhancing and expanding aerospace education” through the creation and support of government-related programs and for “reaching and inspiring countless numbers of the nation’s teachers and students.” From June, 2000 to December, 2003, she served as assistant director for programs for the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission. Gallaway coordinated development and distribution of educational products and programs used by millions of students and educators in the U.S. and abroad.

An undergraduate of Texas A&M University with a Masters of Education from Wright State University, Gallaway has been a classroom teacher, an official with the U.S. Department of Education, and a program manager for NASA where she managed the Agency’s teacher enhancement and faculty preparation programs attended by educators, hundreds of college faculty, and thousands of preservice teachers. Gallaway was also detailed to the White House by NASA to help establish the foundation for the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) program and later served as NASA’s lead educational liaison for the White House Mars Millennium Project that involved thousands of students. Her current position, manager of NASA’s Explorer Institute Program, builds upon her passion for supporting aerospace education and encouraging collaboration between government agencies and the informal education community.

Gallaway has been an avid private pilot since 1977 and often flies her vintage Swift aircraft to air shows and fly-ins. She serves as a U.S. representative to the Federation Aeronautique International’s Commission for Aviation and Space Education and also represents NASA on the National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education and the Brewer Educational Forum. She was inducted into Civil Air Patrol’s Crown Circle in 2002 for “Evidence of extraordinary accomplishment in a leadership role in Aerospace Education.”

The Brewer Trophy was established in 1943 by Birmingham, Alabama businessman Frank G. Brewer in honor of his two sons then serving in World War II. One of those sons, Frank, Jr., served on the committee which selected Gallaway as the 2004 recipient.

The award presentation is scheduled for June 7 in Washington, D.C.