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**HOW A LEADING AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN, CEO
AND PRESIDENT SHATTERED THE GLASS CEILING**

*Join Conversations at CAAM, Saturday, July 14, 2012 with
Dr. Wanda M. Austin, President & CEO of The Aerospace Corporation*

LOS ANGELES, July 10, 2012 – On Saturday, July 14, 2012, from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., the California African American Museum’s History Council (CAAM) presents *Conversations at CAAM*, a glimpse into the life of Dr. Wanda M. Austin, President and CEO of the Aerospace Corporation. Aerospace Corporation is a non-profit dedicated to the objective application of science and technology as a means of solving critical issues affecting our national security space program. Dr. Austin, recently named one of “100 Women Leaders in STEM” (Science, Technology, Education and Math) by the STEMconnector, will discuss the trials and successes of climbing the corporate ladder.

Dr. Austin earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics from Franklin & Marshall College, Master’s Degrees in Systems Engineering as well as Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Doctorate in Systems Engineering from USC. CAAM’s History Council member, Ruby Quallsgray, will interview Austin and take questions from the audience immediately following the discussion. Quallsgray is a retired Boeing Company employee whose career includes 24 years of experience and success within the aerospace and defense industries.

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This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit

www.caamuseum.org. Parking is \$10 in the lot adjacent to CAAM at 39th and Figueroa.

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“Shared Thread/CAAM’s Courtyard” June 28, 2012 through December 30, 2012

“Lois Mailou Jones – A Life in Vibrant Color” July 12, 2012 through September 16, 2012

About the California African American Museum

The California African American Museum (CAAM) researches, collects, preserves and interprets for public enrichment the history, art and culture of African Americans. Chartered by the California State Legislature in 1977, CAAM is a state supported institution and a partner with the 501(c)(3) non- profit organization Friends, the Foundation of the California African American Museum. In addition to its permanent collection, CAAM hosts in-house curated exhibitions and traveling exhibitions throughout the year. CAAM also provides a diverse number of programs during the year including *Conversations at CAAM*, *Films at CAAM* and *Target Sundays at CAAM*. The museum also tours CAAM exhibitions through California and the nation.

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