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Dear Administrator,

RTCA, Inc. a private, not-for-profit aviation Standards Development Organization, utilized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and other government agencies, is conducting our annual William E. Jackson Award “Call for Papers”.

The William E. Jackson Award recognizes a student for their original academic work regarding the application of technology in the area of current aviation issues. To be considered, this work needs to be submitted as a Thesis, Project Report or Technical Journal Paper. The Award recognizes academic excellence and honors the memory of Mr. William E. Jackson, a pioneer in the development and implementation of the nation’s air traffic control system and an advocate for engineering students.

The winner of the award will receive a \$5000.00 honorarium and a personalized plaque, both of which to be presented at a special luncheon in 2021. The academic institution at which the winning student is enrolled will also receive a special plaque commemorating its important contributions to education in support of aviation electronics. The recipient will travel at the expense of RTCA to the location of the award presentation. The 2021 award will be presented during RTCA’s 2021 Global Aviation Symposium, June 22-23, 2021 to be held at Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Crystal City, VA (Washington DC area).

Enclosed is the “Call for Papers”, suitable for posting or electronic distribution, and information about Mr. William E. Jackson. We appreciate your help in making this award known to your students and faculty and in encouraging their participation. Additional information is available on the Jackson Award Page of the RTCA web site, which can be found at <https://www.rtca.org/content/william-e-jackson-award>. All entries must be received no later than December 4, 2020 to be considered for 2021 award presentation.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to receiving a submission from your graduate school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry McVenes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry McVenes  
President & CEO

Attachments: Call for Papers & William E. Jackson Submission Requirements  
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