Ambassador



Duane E. Woerth

U.S. Permanent Representative

To The Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization

Term of Appointment: 10/01/2010 to present

Ambassador Duane E. Woerth was nominated by President Obama to the position of U.S. Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on July 8, 2010 and was confirmed to that position by the United States Senate on September 29, 2010. In his role as Representative on the ICAO Council, Ambassador Woerth will guide U.S. participation in that organization, which develops and promotes standards and practices for the safety, security, and environmental sustainability of international civil aviation.

Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Woerth was co-founder and Senior Vice President at an internet advertising firm in Omaha, Nebraska. From 1999-2006, he served as president of the Air Line Pilots Association. Immediately following the attacks of 9/11, he was appointed by United States Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta to serve on the Rapid Response Team for Aircraft Security.

Ambassador Woerth also previously served as co-Chairman of the Next Generation Air Transportation System Executive Council, a private sector organization developed to work with the Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration to modernize the National Airspace System through 2025.

He has served on several airline boards of directors, including Northwest Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines. Ambassador Woerth is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and holds an advanced degree from the University of Oklahoma. He served in the United States Air Force and the Kansas Air National Guard and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.