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Aviation legend, acclaimed inventor and aerospace engineer Burt Rutan is the founder and president and CEO of Scaled Composites, L.L.C., an aerospace and specialty composites development company. Rutan and his teams have been responsible for a number of groundbreaking aviation designs and projects. One of Rutan's widely celebrated projects is the Voyager aircraft, the first airplane to fly around the world without refueling. Under Rutan's leadership, Scaled Composites has helped design, develop, build and test prototype manned and unmanned aircraft for government agencies, such as NASA and the U.S. Navy, as well as companies like Beech Aircraft, McDonnell Douglas and Northrop Grumman. In 2001, Rutan teamed with inventor and philanthropist Paul G. Allen to develop the first commercial manned space vehicle, SpaceShipOne.

Rutan has received numerous awards as well several honorary degrees in recognition of his many engineering accomplishments. His awards include *Scientific American's* "Business Leader in Aerospace," (2003); the 2000 Lindbergh Award by the Lindbergh Foundation; the British Gold Medal for Aeronautics (1997) from the Royal Aeronautical Society; and the Presidential Citizen's Medal, presented by President Ronald Reagan in 1986. Rutan is also an accomplished pilot and conducted 15 flight test programs for the U.S. Air Force in his role as a Flight Test Project Engineer at Edwards Air Force Base (1965-72). He received his BS in Aeronautical Engineering at California Polytechnic University and advanced training at the Space Technology Institute at Cal Tech and the Aerospace Research Pilot's School at Edwards AFB. He holds honorary doctorates from California Polytechnic State University, Daniel Webster College, Lewis University and Delft University of Technology.