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WEST STAR AVIATION TO EXPAND CURRENT FULL SERVICE MRO FACILITIES

East Alton, IL, April 18, 2013 - West Star Aviation recently announced their plans to consolidate and expand the service capabilities at East Alton, Illinois (ALN), Grand Junction, Colorado (GJT) and Columbia, South Carolina (CAE).

This consolidation includes the sale of West Star's Dallas, Texas (DAL) facility to Waypoint Holding, LLC. The DAL facility is the only location included in the sale.

"We are always planning for the future of West Star, our employees, and our customers," says Samuel Haycraft, Executive V.P. Maintenance Operations, West Star Aviation. "With this goal in mind, we are focusing on the growth of CAE and strengthening our full service MROs at ALN and GJT. We know that these locations are the best avenues to give our customers the wide variety of services they need while positioning ourselves for the future success of the West Star organization."

In order to further strengthen the service capabilities at East Alton, Grand Junction and Columbia, West Star Aviation recently announced expansion plans at these three locations. In the central region, West Star will construct a brand new MRO hangar, plus an additional 15,000-square-foot interior and hydraulic department at their ALN location. In the western region, West Star plans to expand the existing hangar at GJT, which will be utilized for maintenance and storage. In Grand Junction, storage during the winter months is extremely important to support heavy aircraft traffic into the ski resort areas. In Columbia, SC, West Star has secured an additional 10,000-square-foot MRO facility to support the growth in the southeast region.

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“As the aviation industry, and the nation as a whole, begins to recover, we continue to see an increase in demand from customers who are looking for quality and full service capabilities at one location,” says Samuel Haycraft, Executive V.P. Maintenance Operations, West Star Aviation. “West Star meets those demands for our customers and we have experienced continued growth at ALN because of it.”

West Star Aviation, Inc. specializes in the repair and maintenance of airframes, windows, and engines, as well as major modifications, avionics installation and repair, interior refurbishment, surplus avionics sales, accessory services, paint and parts.

In addition to its facilities in East Alton, IL; Grand Junction, CO; and Columbia, SC, West Star Aviation runs the maintenance operations at Aspen-Pitkin County Airport in Aspen, CO and at Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, MO. The company also provides complete FBO services for transient aircraft at its newly remodeled East Alton and Grand Junction facilities. West Star Aviation, Inc. is an industry leader in technical experience and expertise while providing world-class customer service in all the organization’s divisions. For more information, visit <http://www.weststaraviation.com> or call 800-922-2421.