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**WEST STAR AVIATION BREAKS GROUND ON MULTIMILLION DOLLAR  
EXPANSION AT ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AIRPORT (ALN)**

**East Alton, IL, October 22, 2013-** West Star Aviation recently announced they have broken ground on a brand new maintenance facility totaling 47,000 square feet. The plans for expansion came in response to the high demand of West Star Aviation customers, which has their current facilities operating at maximum capacity.

In addition to the new maintenance facility, West Star also has plans to open a 14,000 square foot wood shop and a 6,000 square foot accessory repairs shop. The multimillion dollar expansion will bring the East Alton facilities from 250,000 to 317,300 square feet with approximately 300 employees.

“The added facility will give us the hangar and shop space we need in order to continue expanding over the next 3 to 5 years,” said Rodger Renaud, Chief Operating Officer, West Star Aviation. “With more and more aircraft coming off their warranties and the increasing demand for refurbishment centers for small, mid, and large cabin aircraft, it is important that we take a proactive approach to the future.”

In order to further strengthen their service offerings, West Star Aviation also has plans to open a state-of-the-art paint facility as well as an additional maintenance facility and shop at their Grand Junction, CO (GJT) location. An additional 10,000 square feet of maintenance facilities are also planned at their Columbia, South Carolina (CAE) location.

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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 services in all the organization's divisions. For more information visit <http://www.weststaraviation.com> or call 800-922-2421.