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West Star Aviation Opens New Maintenance Facility In East Alton, IL (ALN)

Expansion Brings Additional Hangar and Shop Space and 36 New Employment Opportunities

East Alton, IL, April 16, 2014- West Star Aviation is nearing completion of their brand new 47,000 square foot maintenance facility at their East Alton, IL (ALN) location. In addition to the new maintenance facility, the multimillion dollar expansion includes a 14,000 square foot wood shop and 6,000 square foot accessory repair shop, bringing the East Alton facilities from 250,000 to 317,300 square feet with approximately 300 employees.

The new facilities are scheduled to be complete by May 2014, and West Star will host an open house to celebrate the milestone.

With the additional hangar and shop space, West Star also has 36 new employment opportunities at their ALN facility. The openings are in several areas including Gulfstream, Falcon and Avionics Technicians. To learn more about all of West Star's employment opportunities, visit <http://www.weststaraviation.com/careers/>.

The original plans for expansion at ALN came in response to the high demand of West Star Aviation customers, which had their current facility operating at maximum capacity.

“We are excited to see the construction come to an end and eager to start utilizing the new space,” said Rodger Renaud, Chief Operating Officer, West Star Aviation. “The additional facilities will allow us to continue expanding over the next 3 to 5 years, bringing additional service offerings to our customers and more jobs to East Alton.”

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In order to further strengthen their service offerings, West Star Aviation also recently broke ground on 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.

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.