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**WEST STAR AVIATION'S EXPANSION IN CHATTANOOGA (KCHA) AIRPORT UPDATE**

**Chattanooga, TN, November 17, 2015** –West Star Aviation (WSA) continues to work toward the Grand Opening of its newest MRO facility at Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (KCHA) in Chattanooga, TN. In addition Thomas Hilboldt, former KPWK Satellite Manager in Chicago, IL, has recently been promoted to Director of Operations, and will oversee all operations at this facility.

"We hope to maintain and cultivate relationships with customers who want to take advantage of the convenience and accessibility of Chattanooga location," said Mr. Hilboldt. "This location fits perfectly alongside our other primary full-service locations"

The new 20,424 square foot heated hangar space which has 28' high doors sits on a ground-lease footprint of 3.92 acres, or 170,798 square feet with ample ramp space for uncongested aircraft movement, will house maintenance, interior, avionics and the Mobile Response Team (MRT). It also features 20,424 square feet of heated and air conditioned mixed-use space which will be used for administrative and customer offices.

"We are excited to have Thomas in this new role and, as construction comes to a close, to start utilizing the new space and provide additional service to our customers," said Rodger Renaud, Chief Operating Officer, West Star Aviation.

Voted #1 Preferred MRO in *Professional Pilot* magazine's annual "Preferences Regarding Aviation Services and Equipment" (PRASE) Survey for two consecutive years, 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, Chicago Executive Airport in Chicago, IL and Centennial Airport in Denver, CO. 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 [www.weststaraviation.com](http://www.weststaraviation.com) or call 800-922-2421.

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