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WEST STAR AVIATION Receives Business Expansion Award

Grand Junction, CO, January 12, 2016—West Star Aviation is proud to announce they received the Business Expansion Award for 4th quarter from the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce.

The Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business in Mesa County. The business Expansion Award honors companies that have expanded and created new jobs in the Grand Junction Area. West Star Aviation was honored for a \$9.5 million project for constructing a new paint hangar at Grand Junction Regional Airport. The aircraft maintenance and repair operation also increased its payroll by 38 technicians to a total of 400 technicians at the Grand Junction Location. They received their award during a membership meeting in December.

"West Star is honored to have received this award, and we hope to keep on growing and expanding the business," said Dave Krogman, General Manager (GJT). "We are excited to see what the new year brings."

West Star is continuing to expand nationwide with preparations of opening a new location in Chattanooga TN. Their Grand Junction, CO, (GJT) location received approval from the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC). This will allow them to do overhauling and repairing landing gear and accessory overhaul operations.

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 maintenance operations at Aspen-Pitkin County Airport in Aspen, CO, Chicago Executive Airport in Chicago, IL, Centennial Airport in Denver, CO and a new facility opening this year in Chattanooga, TN. 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.

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