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West Star Aviation Promotes Katie Johnson to Vice President of Human Resources

August 16, 2018 - West Star Aviation is pleased to announce Katie Johnson has been promoted to Vice President of Human Resources effective immediately. In her new role, Katie will primarily focus on implementing best practices across all of West Star's locations, which will include tactics for increasing West Star employee engagement, increased recruiting efforts, and developing/implementing a training program for current and future employees.

Katie joined West Star in 2014 as the Director of Human Resources. She brings 13 years of experience in the aviation industry to her position. She worked with several aviation companies such as Sabreliner and Jet Aviation, and most recently before joining West Star, Katie worked with a private company who connected job seekers with employers.

"Katie has led our HR team through substantial growth and is responsible for recruiting top talent and experienced individuals to join West Star's roster of world-class technicians, sales managers, and West Star personnel," said Jim Rankin, CEO of West Star Aviation. "Katie has increased visibility of our career opportunities, and will continue to focus on the need of current and future employees," Rankin continued.

"My passion is supporting our employees, and increasing the visibility of career opportunities at West Star," said Katie Johnson, Vice President of Human Resources. My team and I look forward to increasing employee communications, engagement, recognition and training at all of West Star's locations," continued Johnson.

Voted #1 Preferred MRO for five consecutive years from 2014-2018 in *Professional Pilot Magazine's* annual "Preferences Regarding Aviation Services and Equipment" (PRASE) Survey, West Star Aviation 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; Chattanooga, TN; and Perryville, MO, 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, Conroe-North Houston Regional Airport in Houston, TX, and Scottsdale Airport in Scottsdale, AZ. The company also provides complete FBO services for transient aircraft at its newly remodeled East Alton and Grand Junction facilities. West Star Aviation 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 or call 800-922-2421.

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