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Hawker Beechcraft Implements Innovative, World-Class Maintenance Training Program

Partners with FlightSafety International to offer new MxPro program

WICHITA, Kan. (May 21, 2009) – Hawker Beechcraft Corporation today announced an innovative maintenance training program designed to develop a new class of highly skilled and knowledgeable aircraft technicians for its product lines. In partnership with FlightSafety International, the new MxPro program incorporates both academic and hands-on methods of training, leveraging classroom environments with situational learning.

“Our goal is to develop innovative training programs to enhance our technicians’ ability to troubleshoot and repair aircraft quickly while minimizing down time for customers around the globe,” said William (Bill) Brown, president, Hawker Beechcraft Global Customer Service and Support. “By implementing the MxPro program, we will provide thorough and specialized training to ensure our aircraft are maintained by the most technically advanced technicians in the world.”

MxPro is an advanced maintenance training curriculum that draws on Hawker Beechcraft’s intimate knowledge of its aircraft and FlightSafety’s world-class training. The program immerses Hawker Beechcraft technicians into a learning environment specifically designed to replicate real-life service issues and events. Aircraft are used to reinforce classroom material with an interactive computer 3D model for in-depth operational and maintenance tasks, further enhancing the training experience.

Factory-owned Hawker Beechcraft Services (HBS) maintenance centers are taking it one step further, requiring additional training beyond the initial MxPro requirement. Called MxPro PLUS, this enhanced program entails supplementary task-oriented training for maintenance technicians, reinforcing HBC's commitment to developing the most advanced technicians in its industry-leading factory-owned service center network.

The MxPro program will launch with a training platform for the Hawker 900XP followed by the Hawker 4000. Other platforms will be added in support of the Hawker Beechcraft product lines. Training will primarily take place in Wichita, Kan., at FlightSafety's new high-tech maintenance training center, scheduled to be completed later this year. Additionally, FlightSafety is working with regulatory agencies around the world to gain certification of the MxPro program to make training available to technicians worldwide.

Headquartered in Wichita, HBS has 10 existing service centers located across the United States, Mexico and the United Kingdom. The HBS network of factory-owned service centers provide professional aircraft maintenance and repair with readily available access to its knowledge base of company expertise and engineering data.

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation is a world-leading manufacturer of business, special-mission and trainer aircraft – designing, marketing and supporting aviation products and services for businesses, governments and individuals worldwide. The company's headquarters and major facilities are located in Wichita, Kan., with operations in Salina, Kan.; Little Rock, Ark.; Chester, England, U.K.; and Chihuahua, Mexico. The company leads the industry with a global network of more than 100 factory-owned and authorized service centers. For more information, visit www.hawkerbeechcraft.com.

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