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**WEST STAR AVIATION Awarded “Organization Designation Authorization (ODA)”**

**For All Locations**

*West Star to join select group of aviation companies that hold ODA*

**East Alton, IL, October 21, 2014** - West Star Aviation recently announced they have been appointed a holder of an “Organization Designation Authorization (ODA)” by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The authorization was awarded on August 31, 2014.

The ODA allows West Star to manage their own certification projects and determine compliance with the FAA procedures and guidelines. The authorization will add a significant achievement toward the certifications of STCs and PMAs for West Star.

“The ODA is a huge added value for our customers,” said Samuel Haycraft, Executive Vice President/Founding Partner, West Star Aviation. “The ability to manage and determine our compliance will make us even more efficient and better able to meet our customer’s needs.”

In order to receive the authorization, West Star had to complete a lengthy process to demonstrate to the FAA that they have the necessary competence and procedures in place in order to maintain the highest level of safety and compliance of industry standards.

“We are confident in our abilities and take this new responsibility very seriously,” continued Samuel Haycraft. “We have appointed current West Star employees to coordinate all activities and work closely with the local Aircraft Certification Offices (ACO) to complete our STC and PMA projects.”

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Jeff Maszkiewicz has been assigned as Lead Administrator, and Bill Pobanz has been appointed Assistant Administrator. To learn more contact Jeff at 618-258-8826 or [jmaszkiewicz@wsa.aero](mailto:jmaszkiewicz@wsa.aero), or contact Bill at 618-258-8877 or [wpobanz@wsa.aero](mailto:wpobanz@wsa.aero).

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.