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North Star Aviation Receives FAA Part 141 Flight Training Certification

Aug 22, 2011 (Mankato, Minnesota) – After extensive preparation, training and evaluation, North Star Aviation has been granted Part 141 flight training certification by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This certification builds on North Star's existing FAA Part 61 certification by combining a rigorous academic curriculum with structured flight training. North Star Aviation is the official flight training provider for the Department of Aviation at Minnesota State University, Mankato (MSU). The North Star Aviation / MSU training program is the only one in Minnesota to couple a four year Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation with FAA Part 141 certified flight training.

The Part 141 certification allows North Star to conduct ground and flight training courses that lead to FAA Private Pilot, Instrument Pilot, and Commercial Pilot certifications. The first MSU students will begin training under the new curriculum immediately. It is anticipated that while training in the new program, students will complete their training more quickly and be better prepared for airline and aviation careers after graduation. According to North Star Chief Flight Instructor Rob Johnson, Part 141 certification is the culmination of over 12 months of curriculum and course development, FAA on-site visits, inspections and checkrides. In addition to serving MSU students with the new program, the changes will also allow North Star for the first time to offer flight training to veterans under the G.I. Bill program and to international students. The certification is also a key component of the anticipated Chinese Aviation Training Program scheduled to begin in 2012.

About North Star Aviation, Inc.:

North Star Aviation, Inc. is a full service Fixed Base Operator (FBO) providing a complete array of aviation services at the Mankato Regional Airport (KMKT), Mankato MN. They specialize in flight training, aircraft maintenance, management, service and charter. They are the official flight training provider for the Minnesota State University aviation program.

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