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## **Purdue University Selects Aerospace Products International for Flight Training Support**

**West Lafayette, IN & Memphis, TN June 21, 2011** – Purdue University has selected Aerospace Products International, Inc. (“API”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Aviation Services Inc. (PINKSHEETS: FAVS) as their logistics management supplier to support its new fleet of Cirrus SR20 training aircraft. The airplanes are used in the professional flight program, housed in the College of Technology’s Department of Aviation Technology.

“The goal of every aviation education program is to maximize aircraft availability while controlling operational costs and minimizing capital investment while managing a fast paced flight training program. API’s extensive expertise and infrastructure enable them to customize a flight training logistics support program that will make it possible for Purdue to meet that goal,” says Purdue’s Mike Suckow, associate professor of aviation technology and assistant department head for air operations.

“Purdue’s reputation of providing quality educational opportunities to pilots around the globe is a testament to their dedication and importance in the aerospace industry,” says Dr. Ahmed M. Metwalli, API’s President and Chief Operating Officer. “We are pleased to have been selected by Purdue to manage their inventory planning and control processes and look forward to a long lasting relationship between API and Purdue University.”

API’s customized flight school program focuses on providing inventory management and logistical support for Purdue that will assist in minimizing operating costs, reducing turn-around times and increasing aircraft availability. Purdue will utilize API’s web-based Electronic Supply Program (“ESP2”) to manage inventory requirements for aircraft parts, bench stock, rotatables and consumable items to support their high tempo flight training programs.

As the exclusive supplier for all Cirrus aircraft parts and related requirements for Purdue University, API will also oversee the performance and management of parts, repair and overhaul services. API will be responsible for identifying approved sources and manage the entire maintenance, repair and overhaul lifecycle.

**About API . [www.apiworldwide.com](http://www.apiworldwide.com)**

API, a First Aviation Services Inc. company, headquartered in Memphis, TN USA, focuses on distribution of OEM parts and supply chain functions so that its customers (OEMs, MRO facilities, FBOs, airlines, aircraft owner/operators, Government and Military aircraft) can concentrate on their core competencies and

business issues. As a distributor and supply chain partner, API strives to boost its customers' product support and customer satisfaction ratings by increasing product availability, minimizing time-to-delivery and reducing process and working capital costs. API also provides customers with key business data and metrics (such as product usage by work order, inventory status by location, availability rate by part number and repair cycle times) in order to allow customers to most effectively manage their businesses.

**About Purdue University College of Technology.** [www.tech.purdue.edu/at](http://www.tech.purdue.edu/at)

The Purdue University College of Technology educates the future managers and leaders of technologies; accelerates technology transfer to business, industry, government, and education; and develops innovations in the application of emerging technology through learning, discovery, and engagement. Each of the college's seven departments is focused on putting concepts into practice through courses and research that are responsive to world challenges, relevant to industry needs and aimed at results that make a difference. The Department of Aviation Technology is a leader in aviation education, serving more than 500 students each year. Concentrations are offered in professional flight, aeronautical engineering technology and aviation management.

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