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## **FAA Awards Linear Air Three-Year Contract to Train FAA Pilots**

*Recognizes Linear Air expertise and capability with the Eclipse 500 jet*

CONCORD, MA, March 8, 2010 – Leading Eclipse 500 operator Linear Air announced today that it has been awarded a three-year contract by the Federal Aviation Administration approval to provide Eclipse 500 FAA pilots with initial and recurrent training in the Eclipse 500 jet.

After an extensive review of potential training providers, the FAA chose Linear Air based on program quality, scheduling flexibility, access to aircraft, insurance and affordability.

Linear Air's Eclipse 500 training program includes computer-based systems training, classroom training and flight training. The program is based on Linear Air's successful training program for its professional Eclipse 500 pilots who fly charter customers in the company's on-demand air-taxi service, making Linear Air's pilots the most experienced and qualified Eclipse instructors available.

Linear Air's Eclipse 500 pilot training program is authorized under Part 61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations and FAA Advisory Circular AC 61-137, which specifically addresses the unique training requirements of the Eclipse 500 jet. Eclipse 500 pilots must receive initial training to fly the Eclipse, mentor training to fly single-pilot, and ongoing recurrent training at either six or twelve month intervals depending on pilot experience.

"In 2009, Linear Air was the first company ever selected to provide recurrent pilot training in the Eclipse 500 jet to FAA. The feedback we received from the inspectors was overwhelmingly positive – one even went so far as to describe it as the best Eclipse training she had ever received," said Bill Herp, CEO of Linear Air. "We're very proud that the FAA has chosen Linear Air to continue providing recurrent training, and to provide initial training as well, for the next three years."

### **About Linear Air**

Based in Concord, Massachusetts, Linear Air is a FAA-certified part 135 charter operator providing air taxi service using the revolutionary four-passenger Eclipse 500 business jets. Linear Air is also an FAA authorized and insurance approved provider of pilot training and maintenance to owner-operators of the Eclipse 500. Linear Air maintains a Gold safety rating from ARG/US, the leading independent safety auditor in the aviation industry. For more information, please visit [www.linearair.com](http://www.linearair.com) call 1-877-2-LINEAR or email [info@linearair.com](mailto:info@linearair.com)