

# **Dual Aviation Certification Improves Safety And Delivers Operational Efficiencies**

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Washington, DC (PRWEB) October 26, 2010 -- This fall, the Washington D.C. based, Aviation Suppliers Association expands their suite of accreditation services to reach a growing, global client base. "It is important to the Aviation community that ASA continue to lead and advocate improved quality, safety, and operational systems for not only aviation distributors but also their business partners." states Michele Dickstein, President of the Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA).

Implementing new value-added strategies is one of the core focuses of ASA in supporting the international aviation community. "When Ms. Dickstein initially contacted me to develop their new ISO 9001:2008 Accreditation Program, it was an honor," remarks George Ringger, President, G. Ringger Consulting, Inc. "It is ASA's policy to provide unsurpassed client satisfaction through certification programs. To that end, offering ISO 9001:2008 certifications as well as ASA's already highly successful third-party ASA-100 accreditation program, expands ASA's suite of accreditation services to a broader international clientele."

"ASA distinguishes ourselves from other registrars by providing a high level of service supported by auditors that understand aviation distributors, maintenance repair stations (MROs), and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) business models. Our organization is proud of this official recognition and accreditation by ANAB, the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board," adds Ms. Dickstein. "With expanded certification capabilities covering the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia we can help a larger portion of the international market realize true value when their customers demand more than just one Quality Management System (QMS) certification (e.g., ASA-100 & ISO 9001:2008). The bottom line: a streamlined audit process reduces not only the cost associated with the actual audit but also the downtime due to audit preparation and overall support from employees." confirms Michele Dickstein, President of the Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA).

#### About ANAB, (ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board)

The mission of ANAB, (ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board) is to be a leader in guiding the international development of accreditation processes that build confidence and value for stakeholders worldwide and providing high quality and reliable accreditation services with the most professional value-added services for customers and end users.

About The Aviation Suppliers Association

The Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA), based in Washington, D.C., is a not-for-profit association,



representing more than 400 global member companies that are positively shaping the aviation industry. Collectively, they lead critical logistics programs, purchasing efforts, and distribution of aircraft parts worldwide. ASA's Board of Directors and Corporate Officers focus the organization's energies on regulatory and legal matters such as safety, international compliance, business promotion and ethical business practices that impact the aviation parts supply industry. ASA also recognizes outstanding industry leadership and commitment with its annual Edward J. Glueckler Lifetime Achievement award. Member companies include: distributors, suppliers, surplus sales organizations, repair stations, manufacturers, airlines, operators, and other companies that provide services to the aviation parts supply industry.

ASA has been recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Database Management and the Industry Voluntary Accreditation program. The Aviation Suppliers Association has been featured in Aviation Week, Aviation Maintenance, Aircraft Technology Engineering & Maintenance, Overhaul & Maintenance, SpeedNews, and USA Today, along with other business journals and leading industry publications. Further, the organization was nominated as one of the 2009 Top Small Workplaces by Winning Workplaces and The Wall Street Journal. ASA is an annual participant in the Aviation Week MRO conventions, Airline Purchasing & Maintenance Expo London Conference and Air Carriers Purchasing Conference. Government Affairs Advocacy: on a global scale, ASA interacts with government agencies across 6 Continents including the FAA, US Department of Commerce, Small Business Administration, EPA, EASA, Transport Canada, European CAA, CAAC, Australian CAAC, and many others. Accreditation Program to ASA-100: ASA is a leader in distributor assessments and is an accreditation organization under FAA AC 00-56. As a result of the Association's accreditation capabilities, over 260 facilities have received global accreditation to ASA-100 since 1996. Certification to ISO 9001: ASA is an ISO registrar and is accredited by ANAB to conduct ISO 9001 assessments. Memorandum of Understanding: ASA has a Memorandum of Understanding with Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association (AFRA) for collaboration and support. ASA has a Memorandum of Understanding with both the International Aerospace Quality Association (IAQG) and the America's Aerospace Quality Group (AAQG) to support each other's efforts, common projects and initiative in the area of improvement of the aerospace supply chain.

To learn more about ASA, ASA-100 accreditation, and ISO 9001:2008 certification, as well as the annual conference scheduled for July of 2011 in Washington D.C., which has been previously sponsored by Boeing, Inventory Locator Service (ILS), Pratt & Whitney and many other key aviation companies, please visit their web site at: <a href="http://www.aviationsuppliers.org">http://www.aviationsuppliers.org</a>

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