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## WESTERN AIRCRAFT LAUNCHES THE “INTERIOR RE-COMPLETION CENTER”

**Boise, Idaho -Western Aircraft, Inc.** – Western Aircraft has announced it has begun work to launch a full-service Interior Shop this spring at its Boise, Idaho facility. The shop, called the “Interior Re-Completion Center”, will provide interior upgrades on large business jets and turboprop aircraft. The company expects the Re-Completion Center to be operating in spring, 2008.

“The Interior Re-Completion Center at Western Aircraft is an obvious next step for us,” President/COO Allen Hoyt said. “Our heritage has been to focus on key airframes such as Falcon, Hawker/Beechcraft and Pilatus—and our business on those airframes continues to soar. We want to best serve the customers we have by adding depth to our services available for those key airframe operators. We are investing millions of dollars to support our customers in new ways,” he continued.



Karen Cooper brings 20 years design experience to Western Aircraft new Interior Re-Completion Center.

For Interior Design and Sales, Western Aircraft has selected 20-year veteran designer Karen Cooper. She brings senior design experience from Gulfstream and McKinney Aerospace, where she completed custom projects for some of the most demanding customers in the world. Ms. Cooper has been working with Western Aircraft’s customers for a few months and preparing for the Re-Completion Center launch. Colleen Back, Vice President of Sales and Business Development, said “The best interior starts with having the smartest design for a particular owner’s taste, and that comes by having superior knowledge of details. Karen will design an interior with the materials, textures and colors that will give them an environment they want to *live* in, not just fly in. Several of our Falcon 2000 and 900 principals have already

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commented about her dynamic manner, and how enjoyable she made the design process. Even more importantly, she has an absolute dedication to managing the details on materials availability and quality, which helps customers feel very confident they will have a fabulous interior upgrade.”

On the operations side, The Re-Completion Center will include a state-of-the-art 1600 square foot spray/paint booth which will accommodate very long or wide single piece items, such as Falcon 7X drink rails and other large cabin business jet elements. Another 8,000 square feet of space will accommodate the shop’s upholstery and other support areas. In addition to this, the company has broken ground on a new 21,000 square foot hangar, which will handle some of the company’s space needs in the future. The company has launched an aggressive recruiting campaign to attract experienced craftsmen for the Re-Completion Center, and is hiring for positions from cabinetry finishers to sewers and shop team leads.

During the startup phase, Western Aircraft will draw on the knowledge from their own interior experience, with managers who have launched and managed interior shops in the past. For example, the company has been involved with multiple Falcon Jet interior projects and has many years of experience on Pilatus PC-12 interior upgrades and modifications. In addition, Western Aircraft will have resources from its sister company, Atlantic Aero in Greensboro, North Carolina. The two companies were independent operations until 2007, and are now owned by Greenwich AeroGroup in Greenwich, Connecticut. Atlantic Aero is noted for its Challenger, Hawker and late-model Learjet major interior refurbishments for large fleet operators, and maintains a 24/7 schedule with 40 interior craftsmen. “Between our internal knowledge, Atlantic Aero’s expertise in large jet interiors and their willingness to work with us during our startup, the shop will get up to speed very quickly, and will deliver the quality our customers expect, which we take very seriously,” commented Brian Rehberg, Vice President of Aircraft Services at Western Aircraft.

Atlantic Aero is also a Designated Alteration Station (DAS), which adds another benefit to the sister companies’ relationship. The DAS will enable Western Aircraft to more readily handle structural modifications that major interior projects sometimes require. Greenwich AeroGroup recently named

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Corey Hoover as the Vice President of Avionics & Interior Engineering Programs. His involvement in the Re-Completion Center will be to assist Western Aircraft with engineering solutions for structurally complex interior projects.

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Western Aircraft is located in Boise, Idaho, and is owned by Greenwich AeroGroup in Greenwich, Connecticut. Western Aircraft operates as a full-service FBO, FAA certified aircraft repair station, and a factory authorized maintenance/modification facility for Dassault Falcon, Hawker/Beechcraft, Honeywell, Collins, Pilatus and many other major suppliers to the Corporate and General Aviation industry. Western Aircraft also includes Aircraft Sales, Aircraft Charter, and Management, Parts Sales, MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) on turbine aircraft, Interior Refurbishments and Avionics repairs/installations. The company is a factory appointed sales center for the Pilatus PC-12 turboprop aircraft, which has been the top selling corporate turbine aircraft in the United States for the past four years. For more information, go to [www.westair.com](http://www.westair.com) or [www.greenwichaerogroup.com](http://www.greenwichaerogroup.com).