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CSI Aviation, Inc. Announces its *Seeker* Aircraft Will Be Donated to New Mexico State Police

(Albuquerque, NM) CSI Aviation, Inc., (CSI) is a New Mexico-based diversified and proven global aviation management company serving corporations and government agencies for a variety of aviation management needs. One, of many, areas of work that CSI specializes in is mission specific aircraft support. CSI is pleased to announce that they will be giving to New Mexico's State Police a special mission surveillance aircraft, that is excess to the company's needs, a SB7L-360A *Seeker*.

"On behalf of CSI Aviation, we congratulate the New Mexico State Police on their outstanding response to our RFP, which was sent to several law enforcement agencies in New Mexico." said Allen Weh, Chief Executive Officer of CSI Aviation, Inc. "As a citizen of New Mexico, I'm very proud our State Police are a forward-looking organization. Not only is the organization committed to public safety, but it's also being innovative in providing law enforcement services in a modern, efficient and cost-conscious manner."

Weh says he fully expects the *Seeker* will reduce aviation program costs for the New Mexico State Police Department, while providing an exponential increase in surveillance capabilities.

The *Seeker* is a mission specific, rugged utility aircraft used for commercial and security operations. This airplane is valued at approximately \$250,000 and being given to the State Police at no cost. At a third of the cost of rotary-wing equivalents, the *Seeker* provides an efficient alternative for operations such as environmental inspection, border security and law enforcement. The aircraft's capabilities are proven after thousands of hours of operation by military and government users worldwide.

The *Seeker* was offered via a competitive proposal process to several New Mexico law enforcement agencies that were believed to have an interest in obtaining the aircraft, and which also operate an aviation program. The RFP was announced November 2012 and the aircraft was officially awarded on January 22, 2013.

According to Tommy Dunn, CSI Aviation's VP for Marketing and Business Development, the aircraft was one of two the company purchased in 2006 and 2009. Both aircraft were acquired as demonstration aircraft for the aerial surveillance market in North America, and the company subsequently found that one aircraft is adequate for its purposes.

“The *Seeker* is too valuable of a resource to let it remain under-utilized,” said Dunn. “We’d much rather donate it where it can do some good. The culture of this company is to give back to the community, and we saw this as an excellent opportunity to do something for public safety in New Mexico.”

Dunn is also a helicopter pilot with New Mexico’s Army National Guard.

More about the Seeker...The aircraft is fixed-wing but offers unique features that make it an affordable option to rotary wing craft and a perfect match for ground surveillance operations. Its helicopter-like visibility – a feature that is resultant of its rear-mounted “pusher” engine and forward crew seating -allows for 270 degree visibility. The airplane has docile handling characteristics that provide for a safe, low speed stall, responsive harmonized control, minimal pitch change with power and flap changes, and stability which reduces pilot workload and increases situational awareness. It can be configured in multiple ways to accommodate a variety of surveillance and sensor equipment.

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