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## WESTERN AIRCRAFT RECEIVES SECOND SHARP AWARD

**Boise, Idaho -Western Aircraft, Inc.** – For the second year in a row, Western Aircraft’s facility in Boise has been recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and was awarded the



Safety and Training Manager Terry Hess and Chief Operating Officer Allen Hoyt receive the SHARP award from OSHA consultants Matt Wattles and Jeff Thompson

Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) for its stellar safety and training program.

Through the SHARP program, OSHA recognizes smaller employers who operate exemplary safety and health management systems. It is one of the highest awards OSHA can give to a small

company. Only eight companies in Idaho have earned this merit. This award allows Western Aircraft to forego the regularly scheduled inspections that OSHA performs.

In addition to its exemplary safety and health management system, Western Aircraft has an injury and illness case rate that is well below the industry average. Terry Hess, the Director of Safety and Training, meets with OSHA consultants on a monthly basis to ensure that Western Aircraft complies with pertinent standards, and searches for ways to improve existing programs.



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SHARP is designed to provide incentives and support to employers who implement and continuously improve effective safety and health management systems at their work sites. Hess sees this as an important element that also provides something more to Western Aircraft's customers; "Western Aircraft believes that putting a top priority on safety for our employees also leads to customer benefits because customers see we are highly trained and treat their aircraft with the utmost care and professionalism."

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Western Aircraft is located in Boise, Idaho. The company is a factory authorized Service Center for Dassault Falcon Jet, Hawker Beechcraft, Honeywell, Collins, and Pilatus, and many other major suppliers to the Corporate and General Aviation industry. Primary businesses include Aircraft Sales, Aircraft Charter, and Management, Fuel/FBO Service, Parts Sales, MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) on turbine aircraft, and Avionics repairs and installations. Western Aircraft 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. In addition they are an authorized dealer for the ATG Javelin Jet. For more information, go to [www.westair.com](http://www.westair.com).



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