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AEROFRAME GRADUATES FIRST CLASS OF AP- PRENTICES FROM NEW SKILLS CURRICULUM...

AeroFrame (a premier aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul facility located at Chennault Airpark in Lake Charles, LA) announces the successful graduation of it's first class of Apprentices from it's new structures training curriculum. This program is designed to accelerate the training of individuals interested in becoming an Aviation Mechanic.

Complete program duration is 18 months. Applicants for the program typically will first complete a 6 week evaluation period as a General Laborer paid at a rate of \$10.50 per hour. Successful candidates are also offered full benefits as AeroFrame employees. Evaluated on attendance, aptitude and work ethic, General Laborers are then nominated by their supervisors for inclusion in the Apprentice Program.

During Apprentice training, candidates will progress from earnings of \$12.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. When an individual successfully completes the 18 month training program, they are classified as a Junior Aircraft Mechanic, earning \$15.50 per hour. At that time, they are also eligible to test for their Airframe Mechanic License which upon receipt, will increase their pay by an additional \$1.00 per hour.

Amanda Sibille, Senior HR Generalist at AeroFrame states, "This is an opportunity rarely seen in our area. Local talent can earn money to support themselves while learning a trade that will continue to be highly valued for years to come. For those who cannot afford to go to college or simply choose not to do so, AeroFrame can now provide an excellent alternative."

AeroFrame's Training Manager, Gary Floyd, states that "this first of many classes to come is exceeding all expectations that we have set forth for them. When we were developing the concept of this program, we knew we were adding value to SWLA, but these Apprentices are truly adding value to AeroFrame as well."

"The aviation industry is alive and well. Aircraft continue to have a need for service", states Roger Porter, CEO. "The industry needs qualified, skilled professionals and AeroFrame can teach by example. AeroFrame remains the largest Airbus maintenance facility in North America and our Apprentices will grow and thrive from our experience."

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