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ATAC 2010 Spring Symposium and Reception

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Ottawa, Ontario

Tentative Times

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Symposium on Aviation Security

5:00 - 7:00 pm - Annual Spring Reception

This event will be open to all ATAC Members or by invitation. More details to follow in the coming weeks. For information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Debbie Simpson atac@atac.ca or visit our website at www.atac.ca. Accommodation - a limited block of rooms has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the rate of \$159/night (Including Buffet Breakfast at 101 Café). Cut-off date is April 7, 2010. Call 1-800-227-6963 or direct at 613-237-3600 ext. 6200. Refer to the ATAC special negotiated rate. May is extremely busy so please book early!

ATAC 2010 AGM and Tradeshow

Confirmed dates

Sunday, November 7 - Tuesday, November 9

Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia

BC and Ontario Introduce Harmonized Sales Tax

The Province of British Columbia and Ontario have signed agreements with the Federal Government to merge their provincial sales taxes with the GST to produce Harmonized Sales Taxes. Initial rates will see 13% for Ontario and 12% for British Columbia. The agreements call for an effective date of July 1, 2010, however transactions (for example airline ticket sales) that occur on or after May 1, 2010 for travel that takes place on or after the effective date will have HST owing.

There are many transitional and "Place of Supply" issues to finalize. One contentious issue is the restriction on Input Tax Credits on Fuel.

ATAC Tax Committee will host CRA representatives on March 10, 2010 to discuss various issues.

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Air Cadet Powered Pilot Scholarship Program 2010

Fourteen ATAC schools have been selected to deliver the 2010 Air Cadet summer Flight Training Program to approximately 190 students across 4 regions in Canada. The numbers are down from last year as the DND has reduced the scholarships available this year. In addition fifteen exemplary cadets from across Canada will be given the opportunity to participate in the Advanced Powered Pilot Scholarship trial program hosted by the Quebec Region.

Career Pilot Training Canada – India Mission

Canadian flight schools join forces to offer the best of Canadian flight training to Indians. In an unprecedented move, 17 Canadian flight schools are cooperating to offer the best of Canadian flight training to Indians wanting to become commercial pilots. The Government of Canada Foreign Affairs Department is providing generous support to the mission. Twelve of the schools are travelling to India this March under the ATAC umbrella, where they will visit Delhi and Hyderabad offering several free information seminars for prospective commercial pilot students. The group looks forward to meeting with Indian airlines and other key aviation business representatives and attending the India Aviation Expo 2010 show.

FAA Seeks Public Comment on Pilot Certification

Canadian operators and flight training schools need to pay close attention to the FAA's public consultation as they have provided a 60 day comment period to improve pilot qualification and training requirements in 4 key areas.

"Experience is not measured by flight time alone," said FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt. "Pilots need to have quality training and experience appropriate to the mission to be ready to handle any situation they encounter."

- Should all pilots who transport passengers be required to hold an Air Transport Pilot (ATP) certificate with the appropriate aircraft category, class and type ratings, which would raise the required flight hours for these pilots to 1,500 hours?
- Should the FAA permit academic credit in lieu of required flight hours or experience?
- Should the FAA establish a new commercial pilot certificate endorsement that would address concerns about the operational experience of newly hired commercial pilots, require additional flight hours and possibly credit academic training?
- Would an air carrier-specific authorization on an existing pilot certificate improve safety?

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