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**Curt Lewis & Associates Expands Services for Aviation MROs**

FORT WORTH, Texas (BUSINESS WIRE) — As airlines continue to outsource their maintenance to maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities, Curt Lewis & Associates, LLC announces that it is expanding services to this segment of the aviation industry by adding Vernon L. Berry as principal associate. He will facilitate MRO maintenance audits and quality assurance services.

Mr. Berry most recently implemented lean manufacturing processes, using a “kaizen” approach, for Empire Aero Center in Rome, NY. Kaizen is a continuous improvement process that investigates an operation’s entire process. For Empire Aero, Mr. Berry implemented continuous improvement concepts and developed methods for measuring and improving MRO performance. Previously, he directed the company’s quality assurance program and managed ISO compliance activities. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Berry worked for Evergreen International Airlines, directing quality control and quality assurance programs.

Mr. Berry attended the University of Maryland, studying advanced math, and graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics. He holds an airframe and power plant license and has extensive experience with FAR 145 maintenance audits for MRO facilities. Additionally, Mr. Berry has served on a number of industry safety committees and is a member of the International Society of Aviation Safety Investigators.

According to Curt Lewis, principal of Curt Lewis & Associates, the industry trend for airlines is to hone in on core services. As a result, airlines continue to define the operations that they outsource; however, airlines are increasingly focused on safety and quality in outsourcing their maintenance.

“Adding Mr. Berry to our firm is a logical next step since we already offer aviation audits,” Lewis says. “I’m very pleased that he will be growing this area of the firm. He has the depth of experience that will allow us to effectively address heavy maintenance audits, among other programs specific to MROs. Mr. Berry will be based in New York, which allows us to grow our presence on the East Coast.”

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