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Dulles, Virginia—October 5, 2009—The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) has named Metron Aviation as the winner of the 2009 Charles E. Varnell Memorial Award. The prestigious award is presented annually to a small business concern for outstanding achievement or contribution, which has added to the quality, safety or efficiency of air traffic control.

Metron Aviation, in partnership with the FAA, developed Flight Schedule Monitor (FSM), the world's first Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) platform for Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), and numerous ATFM innovations which have eliminated 54 million minutes of delays, saved 148 million liters of fuel, reduced emissions by over 455 thousand metric tons and lowered operating costs by over U.S. \$5 billion.

"We are honored to receive the Varnell award on behalf of our staff, the people who have contributed to the advancement of the aviation industry for more than 15 years," said Jack Kies, President. "This award is a direct reflection of our commitment and service to the FAA, working together to deploy solutions that advance safety and efficiency in our national airspace."

Metron Aviation's Systems Engineering 2020 team (SE-2020), competing for the primary NextGen research and concept exploration and development contract, under the FAA's SE-2020 initiative, includes three ATCA Charles E. Varnell Memorial Award winners; CSSI (2005 and 2006), Flatirons Solutions (2007) and Metron Aviation (2009). The receipt of such a prestigious award, by multiple small businesses on the Metron Aviation SE-2020 team, underscores the breadth and depth of the industry contribution of the team for advancing National Airspace System (NAS) research and deployment.

ABOUT METRON AVIATION

Founded in 1995, Metron Aviation pioneered the advancement of Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), and provides advanced research, airspace design, environmental analysis and software development services to the global Air Traffic Management (ATM) industry. Metron Aviation employees are renowned subject-matter experts and industry leaders for advancing next-generation ATM research and deploying mission-critical systems. Customers include the FAA, NAV CANADA, NASA, ATNS, FedEx, Air Canada, Memphis International Airport, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, American Airlines, Airservices Australia and many more. For more information, please visit www.metronaviation.com.

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