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Steve Bates Appointed as CEO

Rockford, IL. – (RFD) Steve Bates has been appointed CEO of Emery Air, Inc. Mr. Bates will report to Steve Thomas, Chairman of Emery Air, Inc., and lead the existing senior management team to expand Emery’s rapidly growing FBO, maintenance, repair and overhaul business at the Chicago/Rockford International Airport, effective June 6th.

Steve Bates has served nearly 35 years in various senior management capacities with Midcoast/Jet Aviation in St. Louis. Through the years Steve has held positions of increasing authority, including senior program manager, director maintenance sales and product support, including his most recent position of Director MRO Customer Support. “Steve’s industry reputation, tremendous depth of knowledge and experience starting as an aircraft technician thru various leadership positions with the company and his Midwest roots make him the ideal fit for this key role within our company” said Steve Thomas, Chairman.

“We are so very pleased to welcome Steve to the Emery family, and eager to have him start and develop Emery Air into a recognized leader of MRO services in the Midwest. He has proven talent and tremendous experience to lead Emery forward” said Steve Thomas.

Emery Air, www.emeryair.net is a leading provider of aircraft maintenance services in the Midwest, drawing business aviation and airline customers throughout the US. The Company has served as a Hawker/Beechcraft Authorized Service Center for 45 years. Emery Air is also a full service FBO which employs over 150 personnel at its 150,000 SF facility as a major tenant on the Chicago/Rockford International Airport, www.flyfd.com