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### **Joseph Cosma, East Air Corporation's Vice President of Operations and Quality Assurance honored by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award.**

Hackensack, NJ –October 16, 2009 — Joseph Cosma, East Air Corporation's Vice President of Operations and Quality Assurance has received the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in recognition of more than 50 years of aviation maintenance experience. The award, named in honor of Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight, recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for the first successful aircraft.

"We are honored to have a member of our management team qualify for this prestigious award," said John Nepola, CEO of East Air Corporation. "The Charles Taylor Award recognizes lifetime achievements in the aviation maintenance field, and highlights the professional depth of our team at East Air Corporation."

To be eligible for this award, a recipient must have 50 years of aviation maintenance experience with no violations and a minimum of 30 years working on US registered aircraft. A selection committee reviews the application letters and determines qualified individuals. Each award recipient receives a lapel pin and a certificate signed by the FAA Administrator. The recipient's spouse also receives a smaller version of the lapel pin. In addition, the recipient's name is added to the "Roll of Honor" book at the FAA offices in Washington, D.C.



Cosma, a 52 year veteran of the aviation industry served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1961, held several quality assurance roles during his 29 year career with Pan American World Airways and has been VP of Operations and Quality Assurance for East Air Corporation since 1994. Joe has been an active member of the Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA) Quality Assurance Committee since its inception and was an instrumental participant in development in the FAA's Advisory Circular AC00-56A Voluntary Industry Distributor Accreditation Program.

Joe's many industry accomplishments include FAA Airframe & Powerplant rating, a level II Non-Destructive Test (NDT) test and borescope inspector, FAA Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) and Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) ratings.

#### **About East Air Corporation**

East Air Corporation is a privately held ISO 9001 & AS 9100 certified aviation equipment supplier headquartered in Hackensack, NJ. USA. East Air Corporation has been serving the aviation industry since 1950 and today provides various services including material sales, purchasing programs, exchange & repair administration, logistics and inventory management for aviation related organizations worldwide. [www.eastair.com](http://www.eastair.com)

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**The Charles Taylor  
"Master Mechanic" Award**

*presented to*

**Joseph P. Cosma**

*in appreciation for your dedicated service,  
technical expertise, professionalism, and many  
outstanding maintenance contributions, to  
further the cause of the aviation safety.*

*Maureen C. Blakey*  
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Administrator

**June 2009**  
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*Fifty Years  
of Dedicated Service in  
Aviation Safety*

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**THE CHARLES TAYLOR  
"MASTER MECHANIC" AWARD**

*presented to*

***Joseph P. Cosma***

***June 2009***

*In recognition of your contributions to  
building and maintaining the safest  
aviation system in the world, through practicing  
and promoting safe aircraft maintenance  
for 50 consecutive years.*