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CSSI PROFESSIONALS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS INDUSTRY AWARDS
Air Line Pilots Association, International Recognizes Work in Aviation Safety

Washington, DC – Two professionals from CSSI, a leading engineering, information technology, and applied research company, recently received Presidential Citation awards from the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), International.

Mary McMillan, a vice president with CSSI, and Brian Townsend, a consultant with CSSI, each received ALPA’s Presidential Citation Award for their work in aviation safety.

According to ALPA, McMillan, a pilot with United Airlines for 19 years, received a 2007 Presidential Citation Award for her activism to construct a framework for the sustainability of aviation in the environmental sector.

“Capt. McMillan brought the pilots’ perspective into aviation fuel emission mitigations and future air traffic management plans designed to lessen the airline industry’s carbon footprint,” said ALPA President, Capt. John Prater, in a release about the award. “She put countless hours into framing the context of the global warming debate in the North American and international aviation community, and for that, she has earned our respect and recognition.”

McMillan was recognized for several accomplishments, including leading ALPA safety committees to become more involved with designing and testing new environmentally-friendly engines and airframe components, as well as surface optimization schemes at several U.S. airports. She was also key in organizing an *Aviation and the Environment: A Primer for North American Stakeholders* forum in March 2008, where the FAA, the Air Transport Association, the Cargo Airline Association, Boeing, Pratt & Whitney, and others joined ALPA in reviewing the nation’s environmental policy options.

Townsend, a captain with US Airways for 18 years, received the award for his superior leadership of ALPA’s National Airspace System Modernization (NASMOD) Committee.

“Capt. Townsend worked tirelessly to represent pilots’ interests in the national airspace modernization community,” said Prater, also in an ALPA press release. “From ensuring that the latest technologies get into the cockpit to weighing in on updated procedures, he has made great strides in bringing the airline industry into the 21st century.”

One of the achievements for which Townsend was recognized was increasing ALPA pilots’ use of performance-based navigational procedures, including area navigation (RNAV) and required navigation



performance (RNP), which enhance a pilot’s situational awareness, reduce the air traffic controller’s workload, and provide shorter, more efficient routes that, on average, save fuel and reduce flight time.

“Mary and Brian are both dedicated to their fields and passionate about their work and their customers,” said CSSI President Allen J. Tiedman. “These awards from one of the industry’s most esteemed organizations indicate the high level of respect and knowledge they garner. We’re proud they represent CSSI.”

For more information about these awards, please read the full releases on the ALPA site:

McMillan:

http://www.alpa.org/DesktopModules/ALPA_Documents/ALPA_DocumentsView.aspx?itemid=15656&ModuleId=12567&TabId=73

Townsend:

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