

MITRE Corporation Purchases Aviation Simulation Software From The Preston Group

The Preston Group (TPG), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company, today announced it has sold a second Total Airspace & Airport Modeller (TAAM) license to the MITRE Corporation's Center for Advanced Aviation System Development (CAASD).

MITRE/CAASD is a federally-funded research and development center working for the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to perform airspace studies using TAAM. CAASD is chartered to work in the public interest, which helps ensure the objectivity of both its methodology and results.

TAAM is a fast-time, gate-to-gate simulation tool used by civil aviation authorities, aviation research establishments, airlines, and airports worldwide to analyze operations, redesign airspace, optimize the use of existing facilities, and plan for the future.

The addition of a second license will enable CAASD to continue its innovative airspace and Air Traffic Control procedure design alternative analyses for the FAA. TAAM is particularly helpful in aerospace design and terminal area analysis. CAASD has used TAAM in support of multiple FAA initiatives since October 1998.

MITRE's FAA support dates back more than 40 years. Over that period, MITRE/CAASD has been a major contributor to the FAA's National Airspace System modernization program, helping create, test, and deploy numerous tools and system architectures currently in use. Primary among CAASD's system research areas is modeling and measuring the performance of the nation's air traffic management (ATM) system. Special focus is on those areas affecting the economics of commercial, military, and general aviation operations, such as a study of the impact of parallel operations on surface congestion at Newark airport in New Jersey.

The Preston Group provides leading simulation, decision support, and scheduling systems for the global aviation industry. TPG has developed advanced optimization and visualization technology, as well as industry expertise to meet the needs of its customers through cost-effective software systems and services. Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, the company also maintains offices in Washington, D.C., and London.

The Preston Group is a unit of Boeing Commercial Aviation Services, which offers the industry's most complete selection of aviation support products and services.

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