The MITRE Corporation Purchases Aviation Simulation Software from Boeing Subsidiary the Preston Group

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

The federally funded research and development center for the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration uses the airspace and airport modeller to perform airspace studies. MITRE is chartered to work in the public interest, which helps to 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 third license will enable the center to continue its innovative analysis of alternative airspace designs for the FAA. The airport modeller is particularly helpful in airspace redesign and terminal-area analysis. The center 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, the center has been a major contributor to the FAA's National Airspace System modernization program, helping to create, test, and deploy numerous tools and system architectures currently in use. Primary among the center's system research areas is modeling and measuring the performance of the nation's air traffic management system.

The Preston Group provides leading simulation, decision support, and scheduling systems for the global aviation industry. The Preston Group 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., Atlanta and London.

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