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FAA – 20 February 2026 – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes a \$2,839,900 civil penalty against PEMCO World Air Services of Tampa, Florida, for allegedly violating aircraft maintenance regulations. The FAA alleges that the aircraft repair station knowingly used expired products when it performed maintenance on five Frontier Airlines aircraft between September 2022 and November 2023.

27 February 2026 – The FAA revoked StarFlite Aviation's Air Carrier Certificate, citing falsified pilot training records and use of unqualified pilots on at least 170 flights. The FAA also determined the company lacked qualified management and failed to ensure operational safety.

NOTE: The above two reports are subject to any appeal by the companies.

AIRBUS: - 4 February 2026 – Tigerair Taiwan signed a purchase agreement with Airbus for four A321neo aircraft, marking the airline's first order for this type. The new aircraft will support the airline's network expansion.

******* 9 February 2026** – EGYPTAIR has taken delivery of its first of 16 Airbus A350-900 on order, becoming the launch operator for the type in North Africa. The A350 will support the airline's long-haul fleet modernisation and network expansion with new non-stop routes to key destinations including the US West Coast and North Asia from its Cairo hub.

******* 12 February 2026** – Air Canada has disclosed a firm order for eight Airbus A350-1000 aircraft, marking a pivotal upgrade to the airline's long-haul fleet strategy with an additional commitment to Airbus widebody aircraft. The order was listed as undisclosed in November 2025.

AIRBUS HELICOPTERS: - 5 February 2026 – Following an agreement signed in June last year, Airbus and Singapore's Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) have successfully concluded a pioneering HTeaming flight campaign at a Singapore airbase. This flight demonstration marks the very first time HTeaming has involved an Airbus Flexrotor uncrewed aerial system (UAS) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force's (RSAF) H225M helicopter.

******* 17 February 2026** – A major boost to India-France defence cooperation, took place when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron virtually inaugurated the final assembly line for the H125 helicopters at Vemagal in Karnataka.

******* 23 February 2026** - Airbus Helicopters has unveiled its next generation rotorcraft concepts to address the NATO Next Generation Rotorcraft Capabilities (NGRC) study requirements. Airbus' proposal to NATO, developed in collaboration with RTX businesses Collins Aerospace and Raytheon, and MBDA, includes two concepts: a high-performance conventional helicopter alongside a novel high-speed compound concept, ensuring operational efficiency and fleet complementarity for military partners. Modularity and simplicity are core tenets of the Airbus NGRC proposal. The design philosophy aims to deliver platforms that are simple to manufacture, maintain, and upgrade, ensuring long-term affordability, thanks to its Modular Open System Architecture approach. The two concepts will be highly connected and will share commonalities in terms of maintenance, training, weapons and systems.

AIRBUS MILITARY: - 3 February 2026 – The French Directorate General of Armament (DGA) has ordered a new version of the SMDM ("Onboard Mini Aerial Drone Systems for the Navy") from Airbus Helicopters (via its subsidiary Survey Copter). This UAS will now be delivered in the new vertical take-off and landing configuration (VTOL). The DGA has ordered a total of 34 Aliaca systems for the French Navy since 2022. Deliveries of this new version will begin in May 2026, following a qualification campaign.

******* 4 February 2026** – Airbus and Singapore have marked a world-first in aviation by achieving full certification of the Automatic Air-to-Air Refuelling (A3R) capability on the Airbus A330 (MRTT). The Certification was granted by the Spanish National Institute for Aerospace Technology (INTA) following an extensive qualification and flight-test campaign conducted in close collaboration with the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA).

***** **19 February 2026** – Airbus would support a two-fighter structure for Europe’s problematic Future Combat Air System (FCAS) should partner governments request it, opening the door to a major redesign of the flagship next-generation combat aircraft programme and potentially reshaping Europe’s defence industry balance. The remarks were made by Airbus Chief Executive Guillaume Faury during a presentation, amid a continuing dispute with French partner Dassault Aviation over the leadership of the programme’s core fighter jet element. Airbus represents German and Spanish interests in the tri-nation project, while Dassault leads the manned “Next Generation Fighter,” creating tensions over control, design authority and the industrial share. The FCAS concept links a crewed stealth fighter with autonomous drones and a combat cloud network, designed to replace current European fleets such as Rafale and Eurofighter in the 2040s.

ATR: - 3 February 2026 – AirBorneo and ATR today announced a strategic partnership to modernise Malaysia’s Rural Air Services (RAS) fleet, with AirBorneo confirming a firm order for eight ATR aircraft. The agreement comprises five ATR 72-600s and three ATR 42-600s, with purchase rights for four additional aircraft. Deliveries are scheduled between 2027 and 2029.

BOEING: - On 3 February, the final Boeing 787-8 test aircraft N7874 c/n ZA004 completed its last test flight and was welcomed back to its flight line stand at Boeing Field in Seattle with a water canon salute from Boeing’s Fire and Security team. After 16 years of testing, being pushed to and beyond the limits any 787 Dreamliner might face in service, it has flown more than 670 test flights over more than 2,250 flight hours and visited more than 30 global airports. Its final flight from Boeing Field in Seattle took place on 11 February, Capt. Heather Ross, who served as the airplane’s first chief project pilot was at the controls one last time for its final take-off from Boeing Field in Seattle, the airplane’s original callsign, “Boeing 004,” was used again for the flight to Pinal Airpark in Marana, Arizona.

***** **3 February 2026** – Air Cambodia announced the airline’s largest single-aisle order for up to 20 737 MAX airplanes in an agreement unveiled at the Singapore Airshow. This marks the Southeast Asian carrier’s first purchase of fuel-efficient Boeing airplanes. The airline finalized its firm order for 10 737-8 jets and opportunity for 10 more in December 2025. The order was previously unidentified on Boeing’s Orders and Deliveries website.

***** **4 February 2026** – Announced the largest landing gear exchange contract in Boeing’s history at the Singapore Airshow. Under this contract, Boeing will provide landing gear exchanges for more than 75 aircraft across the 737 MAX and 787 fleets operated by the Singapore Airlines Group. The landing gear exchange program offers gear overhaul scheduling flexibility that will optimize the useful life of the gears and minimizing aircraft downtime. On the same day, Boeing successfully completed its 100th 787 Landing Gear Exchange (LGE) delivery. The milestone delivery was received by ANA.

***** **17 February 2026** – Air Astana JSC announced the Kazakhstan flag carrier has finalized an order for up to 15 787 Dreamliner jets. The order, previously announced as a commitment in November 2025, represents Air Astana’s largest single airplane purchase. With three more 787-9 airplanes to be delivered via lessors, Air Astana’s 787 fleet will grow up to 18 787-9 airplanes.

***** **18 February 2026** – Vietnam Airlines announced the carrier finalized its first Boeing single-aisle order for 50 737 MAX airplanes. The addition of the 737-8 will enable Vietnam Airlines’ domestic and regional route growth plans across Southeast Asia.

***** **18 February 2026** – Sun PhuQuoc Airways announced the new Vietnam-based carrier has ordered up to 40 787 Dreamliner jets to serve as the backbone of its widebody fleet. Its Vietnam hub is at Phu Quoc International Airport. Sun PhuQuoc’s order was previously an unidentified purchase, which is the largest Boeing widebody order in Vietnamese history.

***** **19 February 2026** – Boeing 777-9 flight training simulators are one step closer to conducting regulator-approved pilot training after the FAA and EASA issued simulator qualification certificates granting initial qualification. The 777-9 training devices are located at the Boeing Training Campus at **Gatwick, U.K.**

BOEING MILITARY – 9 February 2026 – The Boeing Company announced a contract award from the U.S. Air Force that will keep the C-17A Globemaster III flying and mission-ready for decades to come. The contract provides for the design, manufacture, integration, qualification and military certification of a modernized flight deck for the C-17A. The program replaces critical avionics and mission essential equipment with modern, modular open systems architecture (MOSA) that enables plug-and-play enhancements and ensures the fleet can adopt new capabilities rapidly and affordably.

BOMBARDIER: - 9 February 2026 – Announced the acquisition of Velocity Maintenance Solutions, a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul services provider. This strategic acquisition – completed through Bombardier’s U.S. subsidiary, Learjet Inc. – marks another significant step in Bombardier’s ongoing expansion of its Services business and reinforces the company’s commitment to delivering exceptional convenience and care to operators worldwide. Velocity Maintenance Solutions brings

further expertise and a strong reputation for service excellence to Bombardier's existing network. The company utilizes a 35,000 sq. ft. hangar at the Wilmington, Delaware airport.

***** **11 February 2026** – Announced firm orders from longtime customer Vista and its commonly controlled entities for 40 Challenger 3500 business aircraft, with purchase options for an additional 120 aircraft. The market value of the orders based on 2026 list prices is valued at US\$1.18 billion. If all options are exercised, the total order value for all 160 aircraft would reach US\$4.72 billion. Deliveries will begin immediately in 2026 and be phased over the next 10 years.

BRISTELL AIRCRAFT: - 6 February 2026 – BRM AERO has been selected by South Korea's Defence Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) to deliver Bristell aircraft for an initial pilot training program operated by the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF). The multi-year contract includes Cockpit Procedure Trainers and comprehensive technical support, with phased deliveries scheduled from the period 2026 – 2028. Following a competitive Test and Evaluation process, the program supports BRM AERO's expansion into defence and government training. The Bristell B23-915 IFR platform combines a modern Garmin glass cockpit with the proven Rotax 915iSc turbocharged engine, delivering IFR capability and efficient operations for high-utilization training environments.

CIRRUS: - 3 February 2026 – Cirrus introduced the next evolution of its jet product line with the new Generation 3 (G3) Vision Jet®. The G3 Vision Jet reveals a reimagined interior with premium materials and an expanded seating option for six adults, as well as ATC Datalink and over 30 refinements designed to create a new era of smart and safe Personal Aviation™.

DAHER: - 18 February 2026 – Announced the renewal and expansion of its contract with Airbus Atlantic for the logistics management of the West Hub in Montoir-de-Bretagne. This five-year partnership (2026-2031) comes with a major challenge: supporting the industrial ramp-up with a tripling of logistics volumes and a doubling of staff by mid-2027. Daher's on-site workforce will grow from 250 to 450 employees by mid-2027, with production volumes tripling to support the ramp-up of the Airbus A320, A330 and A350 jetliner programs.

DE HAVILLAND CANADA: - 4 February 2026 — Announced the delivery of one OEM refurbished Dash 8-400 aircraft to regional aircraft leasing specialist, TrueNoord. The aircraft will be placed on lease to Nexus Airlines, a growing regional carrier in Australia.

***** **17 February 2026** - The government of Alberta has signed a contract to purchase five new De Havilland Canadair DHC-515 waterbombers that will be added to the province's existing fleet of four waterbombers in a plan to bolster the province's ability to fight wildfires. The first aircraft is expected to be delivered by the spring of 2031.

***** **26 February 2026** - De Havilland Canada will take its newly equipped Garmin 1000 Short C-23 Sherpa on a transatlantic demonstration tour this year. Starting with CANSEC in May before touring Europe to assess the market for a possible restarting of production of the military transport.

DIAMOND AIRCRAFT: - 5 February 2026 - Diamond Aircraft is proud to announce the delivery of a highly customized surveillance aircraft to QinetiQ, with the Dutch Military Police as the end user.

***** **6 February 2026** – Announced that its Diamond Authorized Training Centre (DATC) program, introduced last year, is now officially live. Following the signing of agreements with six leading flight training organizations (FTOs), the DATC network is ready to welcome aspiring pilots to a new standard of excellence in flight training. The first six FTOs to join the DATC network are: Air Baltic Training, SIA, Austria Aviation Academy, Air Colleg Consulting GmbH, Egmont Aviation, Fliegerschule St. Gallen-Altenrhein AG, and Wings Over Holland BV.

***** **26 February 2026** – Announced the continued expansion of its Diamond Authorized Training Centre (DATC) program with the signing of two new agreements during Pilot Expo 2026. AELO Swiss Academy and Türkiye based Atlantic Flight Academy (AFA) are the latest institutions to join the growing network.

EMBRAER: - 3 February 2026 – Announced at the Singapore Airshow that the first C-390 Millennium military transport aircraft for the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) has reached the final stage of its assembly process. The aircraft will now proceed to the production flights ahead of the integration of specific systems to meet ROKAF requirements.

***** **3 February 2026** – Announced at the Singapore Airshow that the Republic of Uzbekistan is the customer of an order for the C-390 Millennium transport aircraft previously announced as undisclosed.

***** **4 February 2026** – Embraer has advanced discussions with Thai Aviation Industries (TAI) for a potential partnership aimed at establishing TAI as a future local authorized service centre. The initiative could enhance in country maintenance capabilities for the Royal Thai Armed Forces' (RTARF) ERJ135 fleet. The initiative may be implemented by the end of 2026.

***** **4 February 2026** – Eve Air Mobility ("Eve") has signed its second binding order with Tokyo-based, AirX, a leading Japanese provider of innovative air mobility services. The binding order

includes the purchase of 2 aircraft and up to 48 options for the eVTOL aircraft. The initial two aircraft are expected to be delivered in 2029.

***** **18 February 2026** – Embraer delivered the first two A-29 Super Tucano to the Uruguayan Air Force.

***** **19 February 2026** – Embraer and Northrop Grumman Corporation are working together to evolve the multi-mission KC-390 Millennium aircraft, to provide advanced tanking capabilities for the United States Air Force and allied nations. The companies are joining forces to combine their insights and experiences to rapidly advance the initiatives required to deliver a next generation air-refuelling system. Key features will include an advanced autonomous aerial refuelling boom, enhanced communications, situational awareness and survivability options, as well as adaptable mission systems.

***** **19 February 2026** – Embraer and the Mahindra Group announced plans to work towards establishing Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) capability in India for the C-390 Millennium upon selection in the Indian Air Force's Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) program.

***** **21 February 2026** — Adani Defence & Aerospace, a leading player in India's aerospace and defence, and the flagship company of Adani Enterprises Ltd and Embraer have exchanged an enhanced Memorandum of Understanding regarding the establishment of a Final Assembly Line for the E175 regional jet for India's Regional Transport Aircraft program.

***** **24 February 2026** – Embraer unveiled the next-generation Praetor 600E and Praetor 500E, marking the first evolution of the Praetor family. The new aircraft introduce fully reimaged cabins that transform the private flight experience, maximizing the longer missions these aircraft are capable of flying. With these enhancements, the new Praetors represent the next era for private aviation as aircraft become tools to enhance productivity, connection, and performance.

GENERAL ATOMICS AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS, INC: - 2 February 2026 – (GA-ASI) and the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies presented the 2024 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Squadron of the Year Award to the 184th Attack Squadron (ATKS) from the Ebbing Air National Guard Base. The award was initially announced at the U.S. Air Force's annual Air, Space, and Cyber Conference, but GA-ASI and Mitchell held a formal presentation ceremony on January 30 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, the home of the 184th ATKS, to include the entire "Flying Razorbacks" squadron.

***** **10 February 2026** – (GA-ASI) was competitively selected by the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) for evaluation in the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Uncrewed Expeditionary Tactical Aircraft (MUX TACAIR) Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) program. The agreement integrates GA-ASI's expertise in autonomy and uncrewed aircraft systems with a government-provided mission package, using the YFQ-42A platform as a surrogate to evaluate integration with crewed fighters.

***** **23 February 2026** – (GA-ASI) is giving its U.S. Air Force Collaborative Combat Aircraft a new name: YFQ-42A Dark Merlin. Dark merlin's, are deadly falcons known for their black feathers and devouring of other falcons as prey, often collaborate in groups for maximum effect against their targets.

***** **23 February 2026** – In collaboration with the U.S. Air Force, (GA-ASI) conducted its latest demonstration performing an autonomous mission out of Edwards Air Force Base using its MQ-20 Avenger® unmanned jet and an F-22 Raptor equipped with the latest government reference autonomy software. The test, which showcased Manned-Unmanned Teaming between the F-22 and MQ-20, leveraged autonomy and the tactical data link to enable coordination between the platforms.

***** **23 February 2026** – (GA-ASI) is developing the addition of long-range standoff weapons to its top-of-the-line MQ-9B SkyGuardian® and SeaGuardian®. Demand continues from naval and air war fighters for platforms that can hold targets at risk from greater ranges, especially over the expanses of air and water in the Western Pacific. GA-ASI engineers have begun the work of adapting MQ-9B's payload, stability, range and other features to accommodate the new generation of extended-range precision weapons.

GE AEROSPACE: - 2 February 2026 – The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), GE Aerospace and the International Centre for Aviation Innovation (ICAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the 3rd Changi Aviation Summit to establish the Singapore Partnership for Aviation & Aerospace Research and Capability (SPAARC). Under the partnership, the parties will work together to develop next-generation aviation and aerospace technology solutions across multiple domains in Singapore.

***** **3 February 2026** – Announced a multi-year investment plan of up to \$300 million to expand its engine repair capabilities in Singapore. Advanced automation, digitization, and AI-enabled inspection technologies are core components of this five-year plan running from 2025 to 2029.

***** **16 February 2026** – Announced that United Airlines (NYSE: UAL) has selected 300 GEnx engines to power their new Boeing 787 Dreamliners. The agreement also includes additional spare engines and brings United Airlines' 787 fleet to more than 200 GEnx powered aircraft.

***** **19 February 2026** – American Airlines and CFM International ("CFM"), a 50/50 joint company between GE Aerospace and Safran Aircraft Engines, announced that American's future deliveries of Airbus A321neo aircraft will continue to be powered by the CFM LEAP-1A engine.

***** **23 February 2026** – GE Aerospace and Kratos Defence & Security Solutions, Inc., a leader in defence, national security, and global markets, announced a joint U.S. Air Force contract for \$12.4M to design a next-generation engine for small Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA). The initial phase of the program will complete the preliminary design of the GEK1500 engine.

***** **24 February 2026** – GE Aerospace has been awarded a contract by the Defence Logistics Agency to increase readiness of the J85 engine, which powers the Air Force's primary training aircraft, the T-38. Under the agreement, GE Aerospace will provide fleet management and supply optimization capabilities to support the Air Force's training mission.

GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORP: - **26 February 2026** – Announced the Gulfstream G700 has been certified by the Government of India's Office of the Director General of Civil Aviation, clearing the path for customer deliveries in the country. The G700 follows the Gulfstream G600 and Gulfstream G500 India certifications that were received in the second half of last year.

HINDUSTAN AERONAUTICS LIMITED (HAL): - **4 February 2026** – Various media reports regarding the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme have come to HAL's attention. HAL has not received any official communication in this regard and, therefore, is not in a position to comment on these reports at this stage. HAL is committed to keeping all stakeholders fully informed of all developments. HAL would like to reiterate that it has a robust confirmed order book, providing strong revenue visibility, and a healthy production and execution pipeline extending up to 2032. HAL is simultaneously advancing multiple strategic programmes, including the Indian Multi Role Helicopter (IMRH), LCA Mk2, and Combat Air Teaming System (CATS), which will further strengthen its technological capabilities and long-term growth prospects. These programmes are expected to enter production post-2032. HAL is also diversifying its portfolio in the civil aviation segment with platforms such as the Dhruv NG, Hindustan 228 and the SJ 100, which will enhance revenue and provide sustainable growth in the future.

***** **5 February 2026** – HAL wishes to clarify the status of LCA MK1A deliveries to the customer for all stakeholders. HAL confirms that five aircraft are fully ready for delivery, incorporating major contracted capabilities in accordance with the agreed specifications. An additional nine aircraft have already been built and flown. Upon receipt of engines from GE, these aircraft will be made ready for delivery. All design and development issues identified are being addressed in an expedited manner. HAL is in active discussions with the Indian Air Force to deliver the aircraft at the earliest. HAL has received five engines from GE as on date. The supply position from GE is positive, and the future delivery outlook aligns with HAL's delivery plans.

***** **23 February 2026** - HAL acknowledges the recent media reports on the LCA Tejas incident and wishes to provide factual clarification. There has been no reported crash of the LCA Tejas. The event in question was a minor technical incident on ground. Speculation began after claims surfaced that an Indian Air Force LCA Tejas had crashed during landing following a training sortie. Reports alleged that the incident occurred on 7 February at an airbase near the Pakistan border and that the pilot had ejected safely.

ISRAEL AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES (IAI) – **9 February 2026** – Announced they have delivered the 350th F-35 fighter aircraft wing to Lockheed Martin, marking a significant milestone in the long-standing F-35 program.

LEONARDO: – **3 February 2026** – Adani Defence & Aerospace and Leonardo announced a strategic partnership to develop, manufacture, and sustain a helicopter manufacturing ecosystem in India. The programme will address the increasing demand and new military requirements, positioning India as a future hub for helicopter manufacturing.

***** **4 February 2026** – At the Singapore Airshow 2026, Leonardo announced the signing of a Letter of Intent (LOI) with PT ESystem Solutions Indonesia and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) of the Republic of Indonesia aimed at cooperating for the supply and support of the Leonardo M-346 F "Block 20" aircraft to meet Indonesian Air Force operational requirements.

***** **16 February 2026** – Leonardo will supply four C-27J Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Defence, providing the capabilities needed to cope with modern submarine and sea surface threats, to guarantee effective Search and Rescue (SAR) services and to perform transport and airdrop missions. Deliveries to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces, which becomes the 21st operator of the type globally, are expected to start in 2029.

***** **26 February 2026 – CREDIT: Aerospace Global News** – Leonardo CEO Roberto Cingolani has suggested a long-awaited decision on the UK's New Medium Helicopter programme could be announced within days, signalling potential movement on a contract critical to the future of the Yeovil production line. **UPDATE** – As I close off, the following was announced - Yeovil will be the “proud home of Leonardo's global military helicopter production” for years to come – as the Government confirmed a key £1bn contract. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said the deal would secure 3,300 British jobs at Yeovil, as well as 12,000 across the UK supply chain. As part of the deal, 23 new AW149 medium-lift helicopters will be provided by the company to the UK's armed forces. The contract will also see more investment in Proteus, the UK's first autonomous uncrewed air system – which is made by Leonardo and recently undertook its first flight.

LOCKHEED MARTIN: - 2 February 2026 – The U.S. government awarded Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) a \$328.5 million Foreign Military Sales (FMS) contract for the production of IRST21® Legion-ES® sensor systems. This contract supports the recent U.S. government FMS agreement for the Taiwan Air Force. The Legion-ES configuration is designed for the F-16 to complement aircraft performance. Taiwan marks the first international ally to receive Lockheed Martin's Legion-ES IRST21 configuration.

***** **4 February 2026** – Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) was selected by the US Army to continue to Phase III of the Flight School Next (FSN) competition. Moving into Phase III, Lockheed Martin also announces the selection of Robinson Helicopter Company to provide the R66 NxG helicopter as the training platform for the Army's Initial Entry Rotary-Wing (IERW) program.

***** **18 February 2026** – Announced that it has been awarded a foreign military sale contract through Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to deliver C-130J training devices and upgrades to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Deliveries are slated to begin in 2029 and will include two Weapon Systems Trainers, an Enhanced Integrated Cockpit Systems Trainer (EICS), Loadmaster Part-Task Trainer, and upgrades to the RAAF's Virtual Simulation and Virtual Maintenance Trainers.

PIPER AIRCRAFT: - 26 February 2026 – Piper Aircraft announced a strategic collaboration with AIROS, the intelligent digital pilot logbook designed to reduce administrative workload and allow pilots and training organizations to focus more on flight time.

RADIA: - 4 February 2025 – The company developing the WindRunner outsize cargo aircraft, has responded to a U.S. Transportation Command request for information (RFI) for aircraft capable of transporting oversized Defence Department cargo, including military aircraft, helicopters, and space launch vehicles up to 300 ft. in length. the RFI was authorized by the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defence Authorization Act and issued in mid-January. The RFI seeks an aircraft capable of entering service by the end of 2035. The announcement was made at the Singapore Airshow.

TECNAM: - 29 January 2026 – Tecnam announced that Hexagone Aviation School, based in Beauvais, France, has selected Tecnam for its fleet modernization. The ATO has placed an order for two aircraft: a P-Mentor and a P2006T NG.

***** **5 February 2026** – Tecnam announced a significant milestone with the delivery of a P2012 Traveller into the British Isles commercial market. The aircraft was acquired on December 30, 2025, by MONTE Global Asset Management, a specialist investment firm focused on financing mission critical and sustainable regional aircraft. The aircraft will be leased to the Airtask Group and operated by their subsidiary, Hebridean Air Services. It is scheduled to serve the essential Public Service Obligation (PSO) route between **Stornoway (EGPO) and Benbecula (EGPL)**. The planned start of operations is scheduled for Q1 of 2026. Before entering service, the aircraft will undergo a proving flight with the UK CAA to be formally registered on the Airtask Group's Air Operator's Certificate.

***** **17 February 2026** – Tecnam announced a significant fleet expansion for Barbers Point Flight School (BPFs), a premier flight training organization located on Oahu, Hawaii. Already operating two Tecnam P2010 aircraft, BPFs is expanding its fleet with two P-Mentors, scheduled for delivery in Q1 2026, and becomes the US launch customer for a P2006T NG Sport, scheduled for early 2027.

***** **19 February 2026** – Tecnam announced that the Italian Flight Training Organization Cantor Air (IT.ATO.0004) has confirmed the acquisition of three (3) new P2006T NG aircraft, with options for additional units in the future.

***** **20 February 2026** – Tecnam announced at the Pilot Expo, that the Italian flight training organization, Rome-based European Aviation Academy, brand of LTN Group Srl, has selected the Tecnam P2006T NG to expand its fleet.

***** **25 February 2026** – Tecnam announced its full readiness to lead the transformative new era of flight brought about by the FAA's Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification (MOSAIC) regulations. To meet the demands of this historic regulatory shift, Tecnam is proud to introduce MOSAIK59, a dedicated product family engineered specifically to maximize the new privileges available to Sport Pilots and the wider aviation community. The MOSAIC rules fundamentally redefine

the concept of Light Sport Aircraft by replacing rigid weight limits with performance-based criteria, including the allowance of four-seat aircraft, retractable landing gear, constant-speed propellers, and multi-engine configurations.

***** **26 February 2026** – Tecnam announced a new partnership with Blue Skies Aviation Solutions (Pvt) Ltd, marking the launch of a newly formed Approved Training Organization (ATO) in Sri Lanka. To build a world-class pilot training capability from the ground up, Blue Skies Aviation has selected an all-Tecnam fleet, acquiring three P-Mentors and one P2006T NG.

TEXTRON BELL: - 3 February 2026 – Bell Textron Inc., announced that South Korean aviation operator EnB Air has signed a purchase agreement for a Bell 505 helicopter dedicated to initial attack firefighting missions. This marks the Bell 505's entry into Korea's firefighting operations.

***** **4 February 2026** - Nakanihon Air Co., Ltd. (NNK), one of Japan's largest helicopter operators, has signed a purchase agreement for two additional Bell 429 aircraft to support helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS).

Both above releases were announced at the Singapore Airshow 2026.

VERTICAL AEROSPACE: - 5 February 2026 – Announced a new long-term partnership with Evolito, a leader in high-performance electric propulsion systems, to supply electric propulsion units that will power Valo, Vertical's commercial eVTOL aircraft.

***** **5 February 2026** – JetSetGo, one of India's leading private aviation operators and Vertical Aerospace (NYSE: EVTL), announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the intended purchase of 50 Valo aircraft, alongside a strategic collaboration to develop Advanced Air Mobility services in India.

***** **10 February 2026** – Announced the signing of a strategic three-party Memorandum of Understanding with Abdel Hadi Abdullah Al-Qahtani & Sons Group of Companies (Tariq Al-Qahtani & Brothers) ("AHQ Group"), a leading Saudi industrial conglomerate, and the Saudi National Industrial Development Centre ("NIDC"), part of the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources. The MoU, signed in Riyadh, establishes a framework to explore the development of a long-term Advanced Air Mobility ecosystem in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, aligned with Vision 2030.

***** **24 February 2026** – Provided the following statement in response to a patent infringement complaint filed by Archer Aviation in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas: Archer's recent claims are without merit, and Vertical intends to defend those claims vigorously. Vertical has developed a robust aircraft design with a clear path to certification, underpinned by Vertical's proprietary and market-leading technology and international IP portfolio. Archer's claims are merely an attempt to distract from the challenges Archer is facing competing in the marketplace. "Vertical's aircraft architecture, proprietary technology stack and certification pathway have been independently developed over many years and are protected by a robust portfolio of intellectual property rights," said Domhnal Slattery, Vertical Aerospace Chair. "Our focus remains firmly on execution and certification. That is where sustainable value is created - and that is where we are leading."

WINDRACERS: - 9 February 2026 – Windracers, the British dual-use heavy-lift drone engineering and manufacturing company, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS) to accelerate the use of air cargo drone operations in some of the most remote regions of the UK. The MoU will see Windracers work closely with HITRANS to identify use cases where unmanned aircraft systems can deliver social, economic and environmental benefits for people and businesses across the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.