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## FARGO JET CENTER AND STELLAR BLU SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE SPECIAL MISSION AIRCRAFT CONNECTIVITY CAPABILITIES

**July 23, 2024 (Fargo, ND)** – Fargo Jet Center (FJC), a premier provider of aviation services and special mission aircraft modifications, and Stellar Blu Solutions (Stellar Blu), a leader in next-generation satellite communications technology, are proud to announce a strategic partnership aimed at revolutionizing special mission aircraft connectivity capabilities. This collaboration establishes a cutting-edge aircraft testbed modified for Stellar Blu's Sidewinder, an electronically steered antenna (ESA) based SATCOM terminal capable of delivering superior Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) activities.

The partnership of FJC and Stellar Blu has secured significant ISR contracts, including Bombardier Challenger and DeHavilland DHC-08 platforms, solidifying their expertise in the field. Together, they will enhance their capabilities with a large-cabin, wide-body business jet ISR program and other small, midsize, and larger aircraft special mission applications. This partnership underscores their commitment to advancing the aerospace industry through innovative solutions.

"We are excited to partner with Stellar Blu, bringing together our expertise and innovative solutions," said Justin Ladner, Special Mission Programs at Fargo Jet Center. "This collaboration will enhance our ISR program offerings and pave the way for future advancements in special mission aircraft."

"From the beginning, we believed Sidewinder's development would lead to additional partnership opportunities," said Stellar Blu's CEO Tracy Trent. "Fargo Jet Center's focus on the global ISR and special mission fleet complements our partnerships in commercial aviation and further underscores the unmatched performance, flexibility, and value Sidewinder brings to the end user."

The joint project includes demonstrations of multi-network satellite connectivity services and advanced ISR capabilities. Utilizing Stellar Blu's Sidewinder platform, the aircraft will perform global flight demonstrations and testing, showcasing the aircraft's ability to provide superior global satellite network connectivity services, including high-definition video streaming capabilities both to and from the aircraft. This new system will replace traditional high-drag mechanical gimbal-based directional antennas and limited line-of-sight systems.

"The Sidewinder terminal is a game-changer for our customers," said Tracy Trent. "Core to the terminal design was openness and portability, which we have embraced to ensure longer terminal lifecycles and longevity on customer aircraft."

The new low-profile, low-drag antenna system, which is straightforward to install, promises significant improvements over existing technologies. It will enable aircraft to achieve greater performance levels, lower operational costs, and increased mission readiness.

This partnership brings together two leaders in the aerospace industry and sets a new standard for ISR and connectivity services in special mission aircraft. The combined strengths of Fargo Jet Center and Stellar Blu Solutions ensure that customers will benefit from cutting-edge technology and unparalleled service quality.

## **About Stellar Blu Solutions**

Stellar Blu Solutions is a leader in developing cutting-edge connectivity, network, and avionics solutions for next-generation satellite networks. Focused on continuing the development of aircraft communications technologies for the world's leading airlines, as well as solutions for other aerospace and mobility markets, Stellar Blu provides turn-key inflight connectivity solutions including terminal development, aircraft integration and certification and installation packages. With the benefit of a diverse and global workforce, Stellar Blu maintains offices in Texas, California, Germany, Poland, and the United Kingdom. <http://stellar-blu.com/>

**About Fargo Jet Center and associated companies:** Fargo Jet Center (FJC), headquartered in Fargo, ND (KFAR), and subsidiary Premier Jet Center (PJC), based in Minneapolis, MN (KFCM), are recognized leaders in the provision of aviation services and have been ranked among the top aviation service companies in the world. Both facilities offer a full-service FBO including refueling and ground support, maintenance, avionics and special mission completions, aircraft charter and management, and upholstery and paint services. Additionally, FJC offers flight training and has U.S. Customs on-site, and PJC serves as the base for the company's aircraft sales division, Exclusive Aircraft Sales.

Fargo Jet Center and Premier Jet Center are members of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), the Avfuel branded FBO network, and the Paragon Aviation Group network. Exclusive Aircraft Sales is also a member of the International Aircraft Dealers Association (IADA). For more information, visit [www.fargojet.com](http://www.fargojet.com)

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