

ABLE AEROSPACE EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES WITH NADCAP ACCREDITATIONS

Opens the door for new contracts in military and commercial fixed-wing aircraft

MESA, Arizona (October 23, 2018) – Aircraft repair and overhaul leader Able Aerospace Services, a Textron Aviation Inc. company, has expanded its ability to serve key industry segments with three new accreditations from Nadcap, the global program denoting superior competency in aerospace-specific special processes capabilities.

The new Nadcap accreditations recognize Able’s non-destructive testing, chemical processing and shot peen capabilities, all part of a significant specialized services program that allows Able to complete more than 95 percent of all repair and overhaul jobs on site.

The accreditations open the door for new contracts — such as those from some military and commercial fixed-wing aircraft OEMs — that require service providers to hold specific Nadcap qualifications. They also continue to advance Able’s process focus across all of its products and services, including those not requiring Nadcap accreditation.

“Customers count on Able to deliver diverse solutions across multiple platforms and in locations worldwide,” said Able Aerospace Services General Manager Gabriel Massey. “We are already recognized by airworthiness authorities across the globe. Nadcap is the next step in that process, communicating to current and future customers that we comply with even the most vigorous expectations for quality and process control.”

Able plans to pursue additional Nadcap accreditations in the year ahead. In total, Able’s on-site specialized services range from electroplating, chemical processing, machining and grinding to NDT testing, hydraulics and bearings services.

Nadcap brings together technical experts from government and the aerospace industry who establish requirements for accreditation and deliver a standardized approach to quality assurance for special processes in the aerospace industry. Collectively, this team represents a stringent consensus on the standards that satisfy these requirements.

Able’s 200,000-square-foot headquarters is home to more than 450 employees including engineers, DER specialists, sales and support experts. Together, they offer more than 10,000 FAA-approved component repair, overhaul and parts solutions, and are able to complete more than 95 percent of all jobs on site, maximizing quality, cost and turn time. Accreditation and certification by organizations such as Nadcap enable the company to continue its growth within the market and do so in accordance with the highest standards.

About Nadcap

Created in 1990 by SAE Inc., Nadcap is administered by the not-for-profit Performance Review Institute. PRI is a global provider of customer-focused solutions designed to improve process and product quality by adding value, reducing total cost and promoting collaboration among stakeholders in industries where safety and quality are shared goals. PRI works closely with industry to understand emerging needs and offer customized solutions in response. Learn more at www.p-r-i.org or contact PRI at PRI@p-r-i.org

About Able Aerospace Services

Able Aerospace Services is a leading supplier of component MRO, approved replacement parts and completion services. With headquarters and maintenance facilities on the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (KIWA) in Mesa, Arizona, Able's products and services support almost 1,500 commercial and military fixed- and rotor-wing aviation customers in more than 60 countries. Able combines 32 years of aviation experience with a staff of more than 450 employees to accomplish its mission: To safely reduce aircraft operating costs by providing resourceful component repair, overhaul and approved replacement parts solutions. Able is an approved Bell Helicopter Service Center and certified by numerous airworthiness authorities including the FAA, EASA, ANAC, CAAC, JCAB, DGCA and others.

About Textron Aviation Inc.

Textron Aviation Inc. is the leading general aviation authority and home to the Beechcraft, Cessna and Hawker brands, which account for more than half of all general aviation aircraft flying. The Textron Aviation brands represent unrivaled innovation, performance and leadership in the industry, and offer an unmatched value proposition rooted in the total ownership experience. Leveraging unparalleled speed-to-market, Textron Aviation provides the most versatile and comprehensive business and general aviation product portfolio in the world through five principal lines of business: business jets, general aviation and special mission turboprop aircraft, high performance piston aircraft, military trainer and defense aircraft and a complete global customer service organization. Textron Aviation has delivered more than 250,000 aircraft in over 143 countries. Its broad range of products include such best-selling aircraft as Citation business jets, King Air and Caravan turboprops and T-6 military trainer aircraft, all of which are backed by the industry's most capable global service network. For more information, visit www.txtav.com.

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