



KELOWNA **Flightcraft**

## PRESS RELEASE

**Kelowna Flightcraft Ltd.** (KFL) is pleased to announce that they have purchased PFI Aviation Training (PFI), a Transport Canada Approved Training Organization (ATO).

Together KF/PFI Aviation Training will offer a full range of aviation related training programs. The newly expanded training division now has **18 approved Type Courses**, including:

- Airbus A319/320/321
- Boeing 727-100/200, 727-100-200 Differences,
- Boeing 737-200, 737-300/400/500 Differences, 737 – 600/700/800
- Boeing 757 – 200
- Boeing 767-200/300, 767-300
- Convair 580, 5800
- Dash 8 100/200/300
- DC 10-30F
- Fokker F100
- Lockheed Hercules L382
- McDonnell Douglas MD80,

Other type certificate course offerings include:

- Grob 120A
- King Air C90B

In addition, new programs include **TC approved E-learning courses** such as:

- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- Human Factors update, and

more courses are currently in development.

“We are very pleased to acquire PFI to expand our training services currently provided to the aviation community” says Rob Crawford, Manager, Learning and Development of Kelowna Flightcraft. “Together we are now one of Canada’s largest aviation training organizations!”

Paul Fussell, General Manager of PFI, says “that with the combination of the enhanced training infrastructure and the expertise of both businesses we feel that we can contribute positively to the training needs of Commercial Operators, Heavy Maintenance Centers’ and support AMO’s. Our long term intent is to reduce costs to the customer through a combination of increased training efficiencies and reduced impact on production, at the same time maintaining the high standards that have been the hallmark of both KF and PFI Aviation Training.”

Combined, KFL and PFI Aviation Training have over 30 years of providing quality training services to the civil aviation community.

## **Kelowna Flightcraft Background**

**Kelowna Flightcraft** operates or leases over 50 aircraft; is Canada's third largest airline; is an aircraft maintenance and manufacturing organization; is a Transport Canada Design Approval organization (engineering); owns the type certificate for the Convair airplane, and is a Transport Canada Approved Training Organization delivering training to a wide range of aviation companies. In operation since 1970, Kelowna Flightcraft is ISO 9001 certified and employs 1000 employees across Canada with our head office located in Kelowna, BC.

Kelowna Flightcraft's full service **Aircraft Maintenance Operations** focus on heavy aircraft maintenance, overhaul, and modifications with major facilities in Kelowna, BC and Hamilton, ON. This includes mechanical, structures, avionics, engine, landing gear, painting & parts supply with a focus on B727, B737, B757, B767; DH-8, and Convair 580 and 5800 stretch.

Kelowna Flightcraft's **Charter Operations** deliver over 600,000 lbs of freight nightly across Canada utilizing a fleet of seventeen B727's and Convair 580's.

Kelowna Flightcraft's **Allied Wings Operation** provides Primary and Advanced Military Flight Training for Canada's Air Force at the Canada Wings Aviation Training Centre. Based in Southport, Manitoba (5 minutes from Portage la Prairie, MB) over 100 pilots are trained annually utilizing a fleet of 39 aircraft (Grob120A, King Air C90B, Bell 206, and Bell 412) and 3 state-of-the-art flight simulators.

## **PFI Aviation Background**

PFI has been operating for 11 years, providing both pilot and maintenance training in Canada and abroad. After receiving Transport Canada approval as an Approved Training Organization in 2002, PFI has grown steadily in course offerings and customers. At the present time, the PFI Statement of Limitations includes 11 aircraft types, with another awaiting the initial course presentation prior to final approval.

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