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Business Aviation Veteran Richard Schuller Receives FAA Highest Honor 'Charles Taylor Master Mechanic' Awarded May 12

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., May 12, 2009—Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) representative Michael G. Moyer presented Mr. Richard Schuller with the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic award at today's meeting of the Arizona Business Aviation Association (AZBAA), of which Rich is founder and past president. In an aviation maintenance career that spans over 50 years, Rich prides himself on having aviation maintenance and customer support as the sole focus of his career in aviation. He has owned and operated the business aviation maintenance support company Schuller Aerospace Services International, Ltd since 1999. In 2007 he was a founder of the business aviation professional services firm Sextant Advisory, LLC.

Named in honor of the first aviation mechanic, Mr. Charles Taylor, the award recognizes the accomplishments of master mechanics with 50-plus years in the aircraft maintenance profession, and it is the FAA's most prestigious award. Mr. Taylor was the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft.

"My 50-plus years in aviation maintenance activities have been exciting and rewarding—so many stories to tell!" says Rich, reflecting on a lifetime of achievement. "I have been blessed by good fortune in meeting so many wonderful aviators around the world working in the most extreme conditions. In fact six (6) fellow A&P Mechanics wrote letters recommending me for this Award. Yes, there have been some hair-raising times during test hops and other flight activities, but we always landed safely."

"Rich embodies the spirit of the Charles Taylor Award," says Chris Crum, another Sextant Advisory founder whose business relationship and friendship with Rich spans nearly 30 years. "And even beyond the distinction of 'Master Mechanic', he has devoted himself to achieving the highest of ideals for himself and the industry he loves," adds Crum.

Rich's career in aviation maintenance, manufacturing and broad customer support issues started as an A&P mechanic with the world's largest executive fleet in 1958. Rich moved progressively throughout the industry into more advanced and responsible roles with FBOs, aircraft and turbine engine OEMs and aircraft distributors. He has been involved with engine maintenance at AirResearch Manufacturing Company of Arizona, Garrett Turbine Engine Company, AlliedSignal Aerospace—where he was involved in the successful roll out of its Maintenance Service Program (MSP)—and Alliance Engines, the latter of which he was a founder, investor and instrumental in its final sale to BTR/Standard Aero. Rich is a Distinguished Alumnus of Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, from which he earned a degree in Aeronautical Maintenance Specialized Technology in 1958.

About Sextant Advisory

Sextant Advisory, LLC is a global aviation professional services firm specializing in performance improvement, business development, and interim management. Founded on the premise that business aviation is about more than just aircraft, Sextant Advisory believes aviation businesses need to employ sound fundamentals and best practices that are transferable from other industries. As such, along with the company's four principals, it employs an additional 10 subject matter experts spanning all business disciplines. Sextant Advisory locations include United States, Latin America and Europe. For more information, please visit www.sextantadvisory.com.

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