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SAFE, OCP Sign Memorandum of Understanding

Organizations will Promote Safety in Commercial Human Spaceflight

McCall, ID—The Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE) recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Orbital Commerce Project (OCP). The purpose of the agreement is “to promote safety in the Commercial Human Spaceflight industry through excellence in training and education.” The two organizations will team up on initiatives that include:

- Working with the Office of Commercial Space Transportation (FAA/AST) to develop the framework for spaceflight educator certification
- Developing recognized levels of achievement and spaceflight educator proficiency
- Creating courses and teaching materials to advance spaceflight education
- Promoting “safety through training” to the Commercial Human Spaceflight Industry
- Developing unusual attitude and G-tolerance courses

During recent testimony before a U.S. House subcommittee regarding the FY2013 budget for the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation, the Office’s Associate Administrator stated that he expects space tourism to begin within the next two years and grow into billion dollar industry within ten years.

George Tyson CEO of Orbital Commerce Project and Black Sky Training had this to say about the new partnership, “We are excited about working with SAFE. SAFE’s mission to provide quality education for Flight Educators will combine and enhance BST’s desire to continually improve and update our training programs. Our desire to create the most comprehensive and highest quality flight educators for the burgeoning Commercial Space Flight Industry will provide SAFE members and the flying public the assurance that this new generation of Commercial Space Pilots are the best trained and therefore the safest in the skies.”

OCP has been involved in the Commercial Human Spaceflight industry since 2004 and their subsidiary Black Sky Training is currently in the final stages of FAA approval for a rocket powered type rating and offers the premier training center for spaceflight pilots, crew and participants.

SAFE represents nearly 700 of the industry’s top aviation educators, including numerous local, regional, and national General Aviation Awards winners.

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