



PREMIER AVIATION ANNOUNCES LONG-TERM HEAVY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC AIRWAYS HOLDINGS

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Premier Aviation Overhaul Center is pleased to announce the signing of a **long-term agreement with Republic Airways Holdings** (Republic) for the provision of airframe **heavy maintenance** on Republic Airways' fleet of E-170 and E-175 aircraft. Republic Airways Holdings is the owner of Republic Airlines and Shuttle America. The airline currently operates a fleet of Embraer 170s, Embraer 175s, and Bombardier Q400s.

Premier Aviation is Canada's largest independently owned Aviation MRO service provider with facilities in both Canada and the U.S. The agreement has an initial term of two (2) years, with options to extend, and will include a line of 47 E-175 heavy maintenance visits in the first year, and a partial line of E-170 aircraft that is scheduled for completion between February and June, 2016.

Coming into effect on January 6, 2016, the contract guarantees Republic long-term hangar capacity at Premier's Rome, New York facility. The Rome facility is located at the Griffiss International Airport (the former Griffiss Air Force base) and has 379,000 sq. ft. of production capacity and multiple lines of aircraft maintenance. The agreement increases Premier's revenue growth and expands the company's customer base.

Commenting on the new contract, Ronnie Di Bartolo, President and CEO of Premier Aviation, said, "We're extremely pleased that Republic has chosen Premier Aviation. This relationship will be of tremendous benefit to both our companies. Republic is relying on Premier's experience with more than 170 heavy maintenance events, particularly on the E-175 aircraft. In turn, this is excellent for the region of Rome, New York, and the Griffiss Business and Technology Park. We are eager to get started and begin what we are confident will be a successful association and look forward to welcoming Republic to our hangar."

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