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## INDUSTRY NEWS

## **Pratt & Whitney Awarded F135 Production Contract for Lots 15-17**

"This marks a major milestone for the program," said Jen Latka, Pratt & Whitney's vice president for the F135 program. "This contract award enables us to continue delivering critical 5th Generation propulsion capability to the warfighter at a fair and reasonable cost for the taxpayer."

## **Boeing Begins MH-139A Grey Wolf Production**

Deliveries to the U.S. Air Force are slated to begin in 2024.

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## **DOJ Files Suit to Block JetBlue-Spirit Airlines Merger**

The two airlines struck a deal in 2022 after Frontier Airlines' attempt to acquire the Florida-based low-fare airline Spirit fell through.

## **House Aviation Subcommittee Will Address GA In FAA Reauthorization Bill**

The chair of the full Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo., a general aviation pilot and regular visitor to EAA AirVenture, said he plans to incorporate a GA title in the FAA funding bill to bring more attention to the sector.

## **StandardAero Appoints Three New Rolls-Royce RR300 Helicopter Engine Authorized Support Centers**

Alpha Aviation Co (Tokyo, Japan), Helisul Taxi Aereo LTDA (Curitiba, Brazil) and Florida Suncoast Helicopters (Sarasota, Florida) are now strategically aligned with StandardAero to support the RR300 engine in their respective territories

## [STS Aviation Services Receives Regulatory Approval for Dedicated Aircraft Engine Shop in Manchester](#)

The approval was successfully transferred from STS Aviation Services' facility in Newquay. The engine shop in Manchester has capacity for aircraft engine storage, inspection, repair, and overhaul on several engine types – a direct complement to the company's in-field support for aircraft engines.

## [Heathrow, Airlines Unhappy with New Airport Charges](#)

Heathrow's charges have caused considerable friction with airlines for years, with carriers describing the airport as one of the most expensive globally into which they operate.

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## [New Study Looks At Why Pilots Withhold Health Information](#)

The study is designed to determine if a lack of information on healthcare practices and the healthcare system had “a meaningful impact” on pilots who chose to withhold information.

## [Turbulence or Trim Anomaly?](#)

On Friday, March 3, a Bombardier Challenger 300 business jet traveling from Keene, New Hampshire's Dillant-Hopkins Airport to Virginia's Leesburg Executive Airport diverted enroute to Connecticut's Bradley International Airport after an encounter with severe, possibly extreme turbulence claimed the life of one of the aircraft's three passengers.

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## [Applications Now Being Accepted for Globalair.Com Scholarships](#)

Deadline to apply is Aug. 15 for one of four \$1,000 scholarships.

## [Airbus Helicopters Sees Growing Demand for H160s in North America](#)

This continued growth of the H160 in North America is leading Helisim, an Airbus Helicopters and Thales joint venture, to invest in a new H160 Level D FFS to be located in the U.S.

## [AOPA High School Initiative Wins FAA Grant](#)

The grant will go towards the foundation's You Can Fly High School Initiative, which currently reaches more than 16,300 students in 43 states with its STEM-based aviation curriculum that is offered for free to high schools nationwide.

## [Dublin Aerospace Opens 2023 Apprenticeship Program](#)

In partnership with SOLAS, the Further Education and Training Authority in Ireland, Dublin Aerospace has also opened the applications for its inaugural Toolmaking Apprenticeship.

### *Product Showcase*

The logo for ProMRO, featuring the word "Pro" in black and "MRO" in blue, with a stylized blue swoosh underneath.The text "CLOUD ERP" in black, set against a light blue background with a subtle circular pattern.

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