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Aerium, a nonprofit corporation for aviation and the Pennsylvania Department of Education Announces Historic Approval of Aviation Education CIP Codes

Johnstown, PA – April 18, 2023 – Aerium and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) are proud to announce the historic approval of six new Aviation Education Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Codes. This achievement marks a significant milestone in the advancement of aviation education in the state. The newly approved CIP codes include:

- 47.0607 – Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician
- 47.0608 – Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician
- 47.0609 – Avionics Maintenance Technology/Technician
- 49.0101 – Aeronautics/Aviation/Aerospace Science and Technology – General
- 49.0102 – Airline/Commercial/Professional Pilot and Flight Crew
- 49.0109 – Remote Aircraft Pilot

The approval of these codes is a testament to the dedication and hard work of three key groups from Cambria County, who played pivotal roles in inspiring, supporting, and collaborating on the process to develop and promote aviation education in Pennsylvania.

We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to the group that inspired the need for aviation education: Congressman Dr. John Joyce and Cambria County President Commissioner Thomas Chernisky. Their visionary leadership has laid the foundation for this groundbreaking accomplishment.

Next, we recognize the group that supported the efforts: Senator Wayne Langerholc, Anthony McCloskey from PennDOT’s Bureau of Aviation, Arnold Nadonley, Superintendent from Richland School District, Representative Jim Rigby, and Administrative Director John Augustine from the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center. Their unwavering commitment to advancing aviation education was crucial in bringing these programs to life.

Finally, we express our appreciation to the collaborators who helped complete the process: Dr. Larry J. Nulton from Aerium and Nulton Aviation Services, Inc. and Glenn Ponas from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Their expertise and collaboration ensured the successful approval of these CIP codes.

The region along with the Pennsylvania Department of Education is excited about the opportunities these new Aviation Education CIP codes will provide for students across the state. The approval of these codes marks a significant step forward in preparing Pennsylvania’s workforce for the future of the aviation industry and maintaining the state’s competitiveness in the global economy.

For more information about the approved Aviation Education CIP codes and related programs (available soon), please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at www.education.pa.gov.