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Bell Training Academy Added to GSA Schedule; Reducing Training Costs for Airborne Law Enforcement Officers

TUCSON, ARIZONA (July 14, 2010) – The Bell Training Academy, the training academy for Bell Helicopter, a Textron Inc (NYSE: TXT) company, has been added to the Government Service Administration’s (GSA) Acquisition schedule, thereby reducing the cost of training for law enforcement officers and simplifying the contracting process.

Airborne law enforcement and other government customers can access the entire Bell Training Academy course catalog on the GSA Acquisition schedule, providing them with a fast, flexible and cost-effective resource to meet all their training needs.

“At the Bell Training Academy we are committed to ensuring our customers have access to the latest advancements in both pilot and maintenance training,” said Trey Wade, director of the Bell Training Academy. “Adding the BTA’s complete course offerings to the GSA is one way we are working to offer Bell Helicopter operators with more flexible, responsive and cost-effective training solutions.”

Earlier this year, the Bell Training Academy was awarded a five (5) year contract with the GSA. By allowing state and local agencies to take advantage of the purchasing power of the federal government, the GSA program streamlines the procurement process providing them with a reliable and proven resource for discounted “best-value” prices for services at the Bell Training Academy.

The Bell Training Academy provides comprehensive training courses on Bell products. For a complete schedule of all courses, call 1-800-368-2355, visit <http://www.bellhelicopter.com/en/training>, or contact BTA Administration directly at BTAdmin@bellhelicopter.textron.com.

For more information about this program contact the Bell Training Academy at www.bellhelicopter.com or log onto the Government Service Administration’s GSA Advantage website at <https://www.gsaadvantage.gov> and look for the Bell Training Academy price schedule under Federal Supply Schedule GS-02F-0084W.

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About the GSA

Since 1949, The GSA has been assisting agencies better serve the public by meeting - at best value - their needs for products and services, and to simplify access to information. For over 12 years, GSA Advantage has been a reliable and proven one-stop online resource for thousands of Federal employees worldwide. GSA Advantage offers the most comprehensive selection of approved products and services from GSA contracts.

About Bell Training Academy

For more than 60 years the Bell Training Academy has provided world class, FAA-certified training at our facility in Fort Worth and at customer locations around the world. We have trained more than 100,000 customers representing over 120 countries and every type of helicopter operation.

About Bell Helicopter

Bell Helicopter, a wholly owned subsidiary of Textron Inc., is an industry-leading producer of commercial and military, manned and unmanned vertical-lift aircraft and the pioneer of the revolutionary tiltrotor aircraft. Globally recognized for world-class customer service, innovation and superior quality, Bell's global workforce serves customers flying Bell aircraft in more than 120 countries.

About Textron, Inc.

Textron Inc. is a multi-industry company that leverages its global network of aircraft, defense, industrial and finance businesses to provide customers with innovative solutions and services. Textron is known around the world for its powerful brands such as Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft Company, Jacobsen, Kautex, Lycoming, E-Z-GO, Greenlee, and Textron Systems. More information is available at www.textron.com.

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