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ENVOY AIR SIGNS FLIGHTSAFETY ACADEMY TO THE PILOT CADET PROGRAM

Providing a seamless transition from classroom to cockpit, Envoy offers pilots a direct path to a lifetime career with American Airlines

IRVING, Texas, Monday, Dec. 18, 2017 – Envoy Air Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of American Airlines Group, is expanding its industry-leading Pilot Cadet Program to assist the most promising future pilots in making a smooth transition from the classroom to the cockpit. Combined with Envoy's seniority-based flow through to American Airlines, the Pilot Cadet Program provides unmatched advancement opportunities.

Envoy and FlightSafety Academy's representatives signed the Envoy Cadet Program agreement and welcomed FlightSafety as an official Envoy Cadet partner. FlightSafety has been a stepping stone in the careers of thousands of graduates who are working professionally today. The Academy's high quality training program, with an airline training curriculum, puts students on an accelerated track to Envoy within two and a half years.

"We're delighted to formally welcome FlightSafety Academy to Envoy's Cadet Program," said Ric Wilson, Vice President Flight Operations. "As one of the leading and most respected flight schools in the world, Cadets can expect the highest training quality at FlightSafety."

The Academy has a reputation for graduating men and women who possess excellent pilot skills. The Academy's fleet of over 90 single and twin-engine Piper aircraft, including two aerobatic aircraft for upset recovery training, is one of the largest in the United States. Students in the Envoy Cadet program may also have access to full flight Level D qualified simulators and other advanced technology training devices.

The Cadet Program offers various levels of support as the Cadet's certifications, training and experience evolves. Career mentoring by experienced Envoy air pilots and a more personalized interview experience will begin upon completion of the private pilot license. Cadets earning a flight instructor position at FlightSafety Academy become eligible to receive a portion of the up to \$22,100 in bonuses offered to new Envoy First Officers.

"The Envoy Cadet Program helps with the financial challenge faced by aspiring pilots wanting to pursue this career, while simultaneously giving Envoy access to some of the nation's top aviation talent," added Ric Wilson.

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Cadets meeting the flight experience requirements for an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certificate will be placed into an FAA-approved ATP Certification Training Program (ATP-CTP) sponsored by Envoy. Following successful completion of the course, they can quickly start their First Officer New Hire Training Class at Envoy.

New hire pilots with no previous airline experience are projected to upgrade to Envoy Captain in just two and a half years and flow through to American in approximately six years, with no additional interview required. Nearly 60 percent of American's new hires since 2013 came from Envoy. With crew bases co-located in American's largest hubs of Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago, New York and Miami Envoy pilots enjoy ease of commuting and worldwide travel.

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For more information on the cadet program and application requirements visit envoyair.com/cadet. Or contact Envoy Pilot Recruitment at 972-374-5607 or envoypilotrecruitment@aa.com.

FlightSafety

For more information on the flight training programs visit <u>flightsafetyacademy.com</u> or contact FlightSafety Academy at 772-564-7600 or <u>academy@flightsafety.com</u>

About Envoy

Envoy Air Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of American Airlines Group, operates more than 150 aircraft on over 800 daily flights to more than 150 destinations throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas and Caribbean. The company's 15,000 employees provide regional flight service to American Airlines under the American Eagle brand and ground handling services for many American Airlines Group flights. The company was founded in 1998 as American Eagle Airlines, Inc., following the merger of several smaller regional carriers to create one of the largest regional airlines in the world. Envoy is headquartered in Irving, Texas, with hubs in Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago, New York and Miami, with a large ground handling operation in Los Angeles. Envoy is currently adding 54 spacious Embraer 175 aircraft to its fleet, with options for up to 76 more. Connect with Envoy on Twitter @EnvoyAirCareers, and on Facebook at Facebook.com/envoyaircareers and Facebook.com/envoyaircareers and Facebook.com/EnvoyPilotRecruitment.

About FlightSafety International

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