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Piedmont Aviation to Expand Operations in Forsyth County

Winston-Salem (February 9, 2009)– Piedmont Aviation Component Services will expand operations at their Kernersville facility, bringing jobs to the region. This consolidation will bring 120 new jobs to Forsyth County that will pay an average of \$44,850 a year, not including benefits. Piedmont also plans to make a capital investment of \$5.8 million in machinery and equipment. The company received assistance from Forsyth County, the State of North Carolina, the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Forsyth Technical Community College and the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board.

Piedmont Aviation Component Services boasts a proud heritage and has its roots in Piedmont Aviation that was first formed in Forsyth County in 1940. Piedmont employs 128 people locally, many of whom have more than 20, 30 or even 40 years of service. The company operates two fully equipped Federal Aviation Administration approved maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities in Kernersville and Winston-Salem. Core services include Auxiliary Power Units, Landing Gears and Propellers in support of a wide range of commercial, military and corporate aircraft operations. In addition, the Material Services division provides aircraft spares and support solutions to domestic and international airlines. With a customer base encompassing all segments of aviation, Piedmont provides services to valued clients around the globe.

“It is an exciting time for us as we continue to expand our operations here in Forsyth County providing stability and prosperity to our company, our employees and to the local community,” stated Ehud Netivi, President of Piedmont Aviation Component Services.

“We are very pleased that Piedmont Aviation has decided to expand operations in Forsyth County. Piedmont Aviation has a long history in our community and we look forward to assisting them as they move forward with project implementation,” said Jill Atherton, Vice President of Economic and Community Development with the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce. “We thank Forsyth County and the State of North Carolina for their commitment in helping our community to add new jobs during these difficult economic times.”

Piedmont plans to begin interviewing in April. More information may be obtained from their website at <http://www.piedmontaviation.com>.

About the Chamber

The Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce is a leading business organization in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, representing nearly 2,000 area businesses that are committed to increased economic development in the region. The Chamber is dedicated to establishing Winston-Salem as a technology-driven economic center, and provides services to strengthen existing businesses, support entrepreneurs, and encourage small business creation. The Chamber supports public school student achievement, workforce, and higher education development.