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Trine Aerospace & Defense Receives STC for Cessna 208 Caravan ISR Modification

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO September 10, 2014 -- Trine Aerospace & Defense has announced that it has received a Federal Aviation Administration supplemental type certificate (STC) for the installation of its retractable camera mount system in the cargo pod of a Cessna 208 Caravan turbo-prop aircraft.

The STC also covers the installation of a mission pod door system, mission console, a surveillance camera system, dual flight display systems featuring two 21.5 inch liquid crystal flat panel display monitors, and a console operator's seat with a 5-point harness and mounting pallet. The surveillance camera system features a provision for the FLIR Systems Star Safire 380-HD surveillance camera system and the WESCAM MX-15HDi surveillance camera system. The STC was developed for an undisclosed customer. All aircraft touch labor, as well as FAA-ODA certification support was supplied by Pro Star Aviation in Manchester, NH.

"Our retractable mount solution is flying on twelve different airframes, and the certification basis of the aircraft is becoming increasingly important to our operators," said Britt Ham, the company's president and chief executive officer. "We partnered with Pro Star for a quick turn-around on the Caravan STC program. Pro Star has a lot of experience on the airframe and their ODA was crucial to satisfying this customer's schedule needs."

In 2005, Trine revolutionized the way aerial surveillance cameras were mounted on aircraft with the introduction of its Retractable Camera Mount System (RCMS). The RCMS provides camera protection from foreign object damage on the ground, and protection from bird and lightning strikes in the air. It also enhances security for parked vehicles, improves covert surveillance and allows users to operate from unimproved airfields.

Based at Colorado Springs Airport (KCOS), Trine offers engineering, manufacturing, and aircraft modification on general aviation, commercial, and special mission aircraft, while also specializing in avionics installation and repair. Earlier this year, Trine earned Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 145 approval as a certified repair station, and FAA certification to perform maintenance, repair and overhaul services on rotary-wing aircraft.

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