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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Wipaire's Gateway to Success Program for A&P Students Returns; Seeks Applicants**

South St. Paul, Minnesota, January 20, 2016 – Wipaire, Inc. is pleased to announce the return of the Gateway to Success internship program for its third year. The program is designed for students pursuing an airframe and powerplant maintenance certificate, and is comprised of several checkpoints for aspiring maintenance technicians. Interested students must first apply for a paid summer internship opportunity, where they will work with an experienced Wipaire mechanic to gain real-world experience across all facets of Wipaire's services offerings. Part 147 airframe and powerplant school experience is required. Upon satisfactory completion of their internship, if a full-time employment position is open at the time of the intern's graduation, the intern will have the requisite skills and experience to be a top candidate for the position.

"Our interns have continued to impress me and have proven the value of this internship program," commented Jason Erickson, Director of Maintenance. "With the growing need for skilled technicians, we are looking for even more interns this year, and hope to offer internships to up to four students."

The Gateway to Success program seeks to develop aviation maintenance technicians by helping to equip students with an employable skill set and professional attitude. Additionally, the program supports keeping skilled young aviation technicians in Minnesota.

General aviation is responsible for over 6,700 jobs in Minnesota, which contributes nearly \$3 billion annually to the state economy. The industry is responsible for over \$512 million in labor income in Minnesota alone.

Interested applicants can apply online at [www.wipaire.com/careers](http://www.wipaire.com/careers). A copy of the applicant's transcript must be attached to the application. Wipaire is an equal opportunity employer.

### **About Wipaire, Inc.**

For over 50 years, Wipaire has been engineering and manufacturing a full line of aircraft floats for all sizes of aircraft from the Piper Cub to the Viking Twin Otter, including most single engine Cessna aircraft. In addition, Wipaire has engineered over 100 Supplemental Type Certificated modifications for improved performance, convenience, and reliability. As a leading aircraft service provider, Wipaire offers maintenance, avionics installation and repair, custom interior design and installation, and exterior paint refinishing all in one convenient location. Wipaire is recognized for its quality products and engineering expertise worldwide.

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