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“FROM TIP TO TAIL”

StandardAero's investment in the *LoadStar* transportation management platform will allow it to better manage shipping operations.

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One of the world's largest independent providers of maintenance, repair and overhaul services to the global aerospace industry is making an internal investment that it expects will greatly enhance its operations.

StandardAero recently implemented the *LoadStar* transportation management platform companywide. The platform, created by software and supply chain solution provider CloudLogix, will allow StandardAero to improve its shipping operations and better manage its contracts with third-party logistics providers, Vice President of Supply Chain James Colleary says.

“This will provide us with the ability to report and gather metrics at a level that we didn't have before,” he adds. “Having that data available will allow us to see how freight performs throughout our business and share best practices. This data will be key to our strategy as we move forward.”



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Prior to implementing the program, StandardAero relied on a freight payment company to handle tracking and shipping. In addition to its reporting capabilities, the **LoadStar** platform will give the company the ability to consolidate and ship materials; and tender, bid, track and audit shipping invoices and allocate freight charges.

Ultimately, the system will save the company shipping costs and allow it to be more competitive. "This will allow us to rate shop based on the size of a package and make shipping choices that will save us money, versus paying for shipping and having the freight company ship an item however they want," Colleary says.



Freight carriers and 3PLs play a critical role in the company's operations because they ship parts of all sizes between customers and repair facilities. The company contracts with FedEx for small package shipments and AIT Logistics and Wilderrest Logistics for large and expedited shipments.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

StandardAero offers a variety of maintenance, repair and overhaul services to several sectors of the aerospace industry, including commercial, general aviation, business, government and military aircraft. Customers include Honeywell, GE, Pratt Whitney and Rolls Royce. Product diversity has helped the company thrive despite market changes and slowdowns in recent years, Marketing and Communications Director Steve Kelley says.

"Because of our diverse array of service offerings across a broad spectrum of the aviation industry, we have the ability to offer a comprehensive range of services, including engine MRO, completions, paint, avionics and component repair across a spectrum of aircraft models in not only business and commercial aviation, but the 'very, very important person' market as well. Few others have this capability," he adds.

The company, headquartered in Tempe, Ariz., operates several locations in North America serving different market sectors. StandardAero's locations in Augusta, Ga., Houston, Los Angeles and Springfield, Ill., serve business and general aviation customers; its San Antonio location serves government and military customers; locations in Maryville, Tenn., and Cincinnati, Ohio, specialize in engine and aircraft component repair and overhaul; and a location in Winnipeg, Canada offers services to all sectors, including helicopters and large turbines used for energy production.

In addition, the company performs work on large transport aircraft in Dallas and operates several other service and support centers across the country as well as in Europe, Asia and Australia.

Services provided by StandardAero include maintenance, repair and overhaul for aircraft and rotorcraft engines, auxiliary power units and components; airframe services including major alterations; avionics; comprehensive engineering services and custom exterior and interior design, completion and paint.

StandardAero continues to expand its service offerings to provide its customers the most comprehensive service available. Whether a customer brings his aircraft to one of our facilities or is on the ground and in need of remote support from our mobile service team, we have the capability. Our service is 'tip to tail'," Kelley says.

