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### **Newly Revised Aerobic Instructor Designation Program Available**

LONGMONT, Colorado--Master Instructors LLC recently reintroduced the Aerobic Instructor Designation Program(tm). Initially launched in 2007, the program is an extension of the Master Aerobic Instructor designation that became available in 2001. This voluntary program has now undergone revision to bring it into alignment with other Master Instructor Continuing Education Program(tm) products.

According to Rich Stowell, architect of the original program and the primary reviewer of aerobic instructor applications for eight years, "the success of industry-based programs such as the Master Instructor Continuing Education Program(tm) and the ICAS Aerobic Competency Evaluation (ACE) Program encouraged us to further develop this broad program for aerobic instructors." Many of the same principles underlying the Master Instructor and ACE Programs drove this process as well, namely the desire to:

- Establish professional standards
- Establish and promote a Code of Ethics
- Encourage continuing aviation education and self-assessment
- Provide a process for peer review and recognition of accomplishment
- Improve interaction and cooperation between FAA and aviation organizations
- Foster increased trust in consumers of aerobic-related training services
- Foster increased trust—within and without the aviation community—of the important role of aerobic-related training activities

The program recognizes three levels of aerobic instructor:

Flight Instructor-Aerobic (FI-A): This individual is not a current FAA-certificated flight instructor, but possesses at least a Commercial or an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, has received instruction in and passed the FAA knowledge test covering the Fundamentals of Instruction, has a spin endorsement, and within the previous 24 calendar months has qualified to be an FI-A per the program guidelines.

Certificated Flight Instructor-Aerobic (CFI-A): This individual is a current FAA-certificated flight instructor, and within the previous 24 calendar months has qualified to be a CFI-A per the program guidelines.

Master Certificated Flight Instructor-Aerobic (MCFI-A): This individual is a current FAA-certificated flight instructor, has either been a CFI for at least four years or been a CFI for at least

two years and holds Gold Seal status, and within the previous 24 calendar months has qualified to be an MCFI-A per the program guidelines.

Candidates earn one of the three Aerobatic Instructor designations through a rigorous process of continuing professional activity and peer review. Renewed biennially, the Aerobatic Instructor designation formally recognizes those aviation educators who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community. To date, twenty initial MCFI-A and four initial CFI-A designations have been granted; sixteen MCFI-A renewals have been granted as well.

Master Instructors LLC co-founders Sandy and JoAnn Hill have been serving the Master Instructor community since 1995, and have been responsible for the review of more than 1,300 Master portfolios. They have dedicated themselves to providing support and recognition for all aviation educators, while simultaneously encouraging such educators to maintain a high level of professionalism. The Aerobatic Instructor application package will soon be available on the Master Instructors LLC website ([www.masterinstructors.org](http://www.masterinstructors.org)); in the interim, the package can be downloaded at [www.richstowell.com/AcroInst.pdf](http://www.richstowell.com/AcroInst.pdf).

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