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USAIG Delivers World-Class Safety Initiatives Through Its Performance Vector Program

NEW YORK, NY (Feb. 18, 2016) – As the aviation industry’s attention shifts to HAI Heli-Expo 2016, USAIG reminds helicopter operators of tools to reinforce their safety programs. The show, which runs from Feb. 29 through March 3, always emphasizes safety and best operating practices.

USAIG, one of the world’s leading aviation-specific insurance providers, continually upgrades its popular Performance Vector suite of safety programs to keep pace with changes and improvements in aviation safety protocols. The forward-looking Performance Vector portfolio offers insights, strategies and specific practical steps for USAIG-insured operators of turbine aircraft. Eligible policyholders can choose annually from a range of safety-enhancing programs and services delivered by the industry’s leading providers.

Performance Vector currently includes 12 program options that comprehensively address aviation safety needs, from individual and group human factors courses, to maintenance technician and aircraft handler-focused programs, to programs that enhance organizational fatigue management and training. Two options that have proven especially popular with helicopter operators are Safety Bucks and ARGUS International’s PRISM Safety Management System (SMS).

- Safety Bucks have helped boost helicopter safety since 1997. They enable operators to receive credits that can be used to reduce costs for annual simulator or in-aircraft, flight-proficiency training courses with select providers. These include FlightSafety International, MD Helicopters, Bell Helicopter, ERA, Augusta Westland and Airbus Helicopters.
- PRISM SMS provides a comprehensive suite of products and services designed to help flight departments, owners and operators effectively implement and oversee their safety management system. PRISM has devoted considerable effort into specializing its SMS product for helicopter operators and hiring helicopter-specific expertise into its sales and customer support ranks. PRISM was quick to plug in features that support managing helicopter operations from multiple bases and certain flight risk analysis tools that help operators meet requirements of the FAA’s February 2014 ruling that set out new requirements to enhance the safety of helicopter air ambulance, commercial helicopter and Part 91 helicopter operations.

“Helicopter operators looking for programs that fill in gaps in their safety preparations or reinforce existing safety protocols appreciate Performance Vector,” says David McKay, USAIG President and CEO. “Programs such as Safety Bucks and PRISM SMS address key issues and help maintain a safety-first focus.”

Performance Vector programs meet aviation regulatory requirements, accreditation protocols and industry recommended standards such as FAA, IS-BAO, NBAA's Certified Aviation Manager program, and ICAO. Eligibility for additional Performance Vector services refreshes upon each policy renewal. No matter what support turbine operators need to reinforce their safety programs, they will find a USAIG Performance Vector initiative to match their specific requirement. For more information, please refer to the website: https://www.usau.com/caf_safety_performance_vector.php

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