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### **AAR EARNS TOP HONORS FROM FAA FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

WOOD DALE, ILLINOIS, June 18, 2009 – AAR (NYSE: AIR), announced today that for the fifth consecutive year the Company was recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for excellence in training and received the Diamond Certificate of Excellence at each of its FAA-certified repair stations. The Diamond Certificate of Excellence is the highest honor in the FAA's Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Awards Program and recognizes organizations with 100 percent of their eligible employees receiving individual awards.

The FAA also presented AAR with special recognition for earning a Diamond Certificate of Excellence for five consecutive years. Timothy J. Romenesko, President and Chief Operating Officer of AAR, accepted the awards on behalf of AAR's 2,183 AMTs. Over the past five years, AAR technicians have earned 6,984 individual awards in the FAA's AMT Awards Program.

"We are honored by this special recognition of AAR and our team of AMTs," said Romenesko. "As a Company, we are dedicated to quality and this award shows that this dedication is present in each of our AMTs on an individual level. In the end, it is this ongoing commitment to training on the part of our AMTs and our Company that results in the highest levels of quality and ensures the greatest safety for the flying public."

"AAR has achieved an exclusive level of excellence and we applaud them for that," said John Gagliardi, FAA Eastern Regional FAAS Team Manager. "They have set high standards and work tirelessly to make sure their AMTs have the tools to excel in their jobs and lives."

AAR is a leading provider of products and value-added services to the worldwide aviation/aerospace industry. With facilities and sales locations around the world, AAR uses its close-to-the-customer business model to serve airline and defense customers through four operating segments: Aviation Supply Chain; Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul; Structures and Systems and Aircraft Sales and Leasing. More information can be found at [www.aarcorp.com](http://www.aarcorp.com).

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