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### **FORMER HEAD OF FAA AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE DIVISION JOINS AAR**

WOOD DALE, ILLINOIS (January 6, 2009) — AAR CORP. (NYSE: AIR) announced today that Dave Cann, former head of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Flight Standards Service, Aircraft Maintenance Division has joined AAR as Vice President, Regulatory Compliance responsible for quality and safety at the Company's repair station businesses.

Cann retired from the FAA in January 2008 and was most recently responsible for the overall direction of federal aviation regulations and national standards related to the airworthiness and maintenance of commercial aircraft. Additionally, he served as the FAA's central point of contact for the aircraft maintenance industry and represented the agency with international regulatory agencies, congressional members and staff, industry organizations, and other government agencies, including the National Transportation Safety Board. In his new role, Cann will report to AAR's senior quality officer, Mickey Cohen.

"Dave has a deep understanding of aircraft maintenance operations, safety programs and regulatory requirements," said David P. Storch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AAR CORP. "He is an excellent addition to an already strong team in our Quality organization and we look forward to his contributions toward the advancement of AAR's quality culture."

AAR is a leading provider of products and value-added services to the worldwide aerospace and defense industry. With facilities and sales locations around the world, AAR uses its close-to-the-customer business model to serve aviation 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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