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## **Salina Airport Attracts Professional Flight Training, L.C.**

Salina, Kan. – Professional Flight Training, L.C. has established the Salina Municipal Airport as its home field for training pilots to fly the Mitsubishi MU-2 aircraft.

Shawn D. McDonell, company owner and flight instructor, has logged over 10,000 hours of flight time in the twin-engine turboprop MU-2, managed a corporate flight department and served as a chief pilot. McDonell started his company in April of 2002 after receiving approval from major insurance underwriters and being placed on approved lists for MU-2 training.

Recently, McDonell established a base of operations from the Salina Municipal Airport where he conducts ground school from a 4,800 square foot modern headquarters hangar adjacent to Midway Aviation, a full service FBO on the field.

McDonell is pleased with the Salina Municipal Airport because of its mid-continent location, state of the art control tower, a 13,000-foot runway and parallel 4,300-foot general aviation runway. And the thriving Salina Airport Industrial Center has a choice of nearby restaurants and hotels to accommodate pilots during their training regime. In addition, the Salina Airport is only a 30-minute flight from Intercontinental Jet, Inc., a MU-2 service center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Salina Airport Authority Executive Director Tim Rogers said, "We are very pleased to have Professional Flight Training, L.C. operating from the Salina Municipal Airport. The training Shawn McDonell provides is unique and there are only a limited number of pilots with his qualifications."

The MU-2 aircraft is used primarily for corporate passenger travel.

For more information regarding Professional Flight Training, L.C. visit its website at <http://www.mu2training.com/>. The Salina Municipal Airport's website is at <http://www.salair.org/>.

Aviation related entities such as the, Kansas Army National Guard, Kansas State University-Salina College of Technology and Aviation, Aerospace Systems and Technologies, Inc., Flower Aviation, Midway Aviation, Salina Aircraft Services, Inc., ADM Milling and Blue Beacon International Corporate Flight Departments, and Raytheon Aircraft Company's Salina Division, combine to contribute more than \$120 million in annual payroll to the Salina economy.



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