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LMI Aerospace Celebrates Regional Jet Rollout With Mitsubishi

First Major Design Build Program for LMI

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- LMI Aerospace, Inc. (Nasdaq:LMIA), a leading aerostructures and engineering services provider to commercial, business and regional, and military aerospace, today announced a milestone achievement for the company's first major design build program.

For the past five years, LMI's Integrated Design-Build team with support from the Aerostructures and Engineering Services divisions have worked closely with Mitsubishi from design development to production and assembly of the tail-cone section for the Mitsubishi Regional Jet ("MRJ"). On October 18th, 2014, Mitsubishi held a rollout event in Nagoya, Japan to celebrate the MRJ. CEO Dan Korte was on site for the event. "I am thrilled to be present for the momentous occasion," said Korte. "This is the start of what we expect to be a long and successful relationship with Mitsubishi as they enter the aircraft market as an OEM. We are excited to provide LMI's engineering design/analysis in combination with our manufacturing expertise to this program."

The development of the program began in 2009. The tail-cone section houses the Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) for the aircraft. LMI is the system integrator, designing to accommodate and control the thermal conditions, acoustic reduction, and airflow for APU performance throughout the aircraft flight envelope. Final assembly is in LMI's Fountain Lakes facility in St. Charles, MO, with structural components and skins fabricated at a number of LMI facilities. The next phase for LMI is to conduct component and integration testing in support of first flight and aircraft certification. In addition to the tail-cone assembly, LMI provides machined structural components for the MRJ through other contracts and customers.

About LMI Aerospace

LMI Aerospace, Inc. (Nasdaq:LMIA), is a leading supplier of aerostructures, engineering services, and structural testing to the commercial, business and regional, and military aerospace markets. For more than 65 years, LMI has provided solutions to its customers' most challenging problems across the entire aerospace industry. From manufacturing more than 40,000 products for integration into a variety of aircraft platforms to supporting aircraft product lifecycles and fleet support via complete turnkey engineering capabilities, LMI offers complete, integrated solutions in aerostructures, engineering and program management services. With "A Higher Level of Performance," LMI ensures every customer interaction and touch point is met with a commitment to deliver the highest-quality products, best customer service and the most outstanding value in the industry. Based in St. Louis, LMI has operations in 27 locations across the U.S. as well as internationally in England, Australia, Mexico and Sri Lanka. For more information go to www.lmiaerospace.com.

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