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Verne Jobst, President  
Chicago Flight Instructors Association

Mordechai Levin, Executive Director  
Masterflight Foundation

Dear Verne and Mordechai,

During the period of May 2017 through October 2017, the Chicago Flight Instructors Association (CFIA) and the Masterflight Foundation hosted numerous FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) sponsored seminars. FAASTeam sponsored seminars provide an opportunity for flight instructors, Designated Pilot Examiners (DPEs), Aviation Safety Inspectors, pilots and prospective pilot candidates to meet and collaborate for safety.

The FAASTeam suggested a collaborative effort to the CFIA and Masterflight Foundation to enhance the discussion of the new Private Pilot Airplane and Instrument Rating Airman Certification Standards (ACS) including the greatly expanded risk management language and scenario testing now applied to check-rides. These collaborative efforts give insight into how things sometimes go wrong and how to prevent these problems. CFIs and their pilot certificate applicants benefit from the first-hand knowledge of what FAA Designated Pilot Examiners (DPEs) are thinking when using their plans of action. CFIs learn many useful tips to create a positive, comfortable test environment for their students from these forums.

The CFIA and Masterflight Foundation accepted this challenge and participated in the workshops in a manner that far exceeded prior expectations. With the facilitation of Mordechai Levin, FAASTeam Lead Representative and 3 CFIA DPEs, the two organizations worked together with the FAA Safety Team to produce and deliver two separate workshops and thereby demonstrating their capacity as partners of choice to promote aviation safety. Hundreds of pilots and prospective pilots, including more than 100 flight instructors participated in these programs.

The assistance of the FAASTeam in providing counsel to the CFIs, pilot, prospective pilots and FAASTeam Representatives has further improved aviation safety in Illinois. As role models and leaders, the CFIA and Masterflight Foundation energized others to become involved in all aspects of aviation safety.

Because of the value of this collaborative effort, CFIA and the Masterflight Foundation have been awarded a FAASTeam Safety Award. We take this opportunity to thank both organizations for your exemplary volunteers, dedication to aviation safety and enthusiasm promoting the FAA Safety Team.

Sincerely,

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FAA Safety Team