



Mesa Airlines announces team to oversee the certification of Embraer 175 aircraft

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- Mesa Air Group is pleased to announce the creation of a dedicated team to oversee the certification of the new Embraer 175 aircraft to begin operations in June of 2014. This twelve person team will collaborate with representatives from Embraer, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and United Airlines to insure the success of this exciting project which adds at least 30 E 175 Jets to the Mesa fleet.

Jonathan Ornstein – Mesa Chairman and CEO said, “The successful introduction of the E 175 is a critical step in Mesa’s return as the industry’s reliability and low cost leader. Our “On Line-On Time” goal is certain to be achieved by the incredibly talented and dedicated individuals who have volunteered for this project. I’d like to thank all of our people for their outstanding contribution to our success which has enabled Mesa to grow and continue to provide unparalleled advancement opportunity and job security.” The team consists of twelve professionals who will report to team leader Michael Ferwerda, Senior Vice President of Aircraft Programs.

Captain Bryan Johnson has been with Mesa Air Group since 1996 and will serve as Chief Instructor of Mesa’s E 175 training program. Bryan has previously held senior positions, including Director of Operations, Chief Pilot and Manager of Flight Standards

Artemis Bayandor, Inflight Manager, will leading the Company’s interiors, flight attendant and customer experience programs for the E 175. Artemis began her career with Mesa in 2002 and has led multiple aircraft interior and customer focused projects.

Timothy Boldt, Manager, Compliance and Airport Operations, will be coordinating ground handling and aircraft servicing. Tim has more than 11 years of aviation experience and has served on multiple projects.

Jeff Domrese, Director of Engineering and Planning, will lead the E 175 maintenance and engineering program. Jeff joins Mesa from Republic Airlines and brings over 28 years of experience in commercial aviation and the United States Air Force.

Captain John Gardner has been with Mesa since 2002 and has served as Regional Chief Pilot. He will support the team as flights operations project coordinator.

Captain Henry Hampton has been with Mesa since 2003 as Regional Chief Pilot. Henry has over 10 years of experience in all aspects of airline operations. He will also support the team as subject matter expert and project coordinator.

Tracy Noteboom, a Technical Publications Writer, began working for Mesa Airlines in January 2000. She has also worked as a Courseware Developer. She will be responsible for the creation and implementation of the E175 manual library system.

Ian Patterson, CRJ First Officer, will provide input into the flight manuals and will coordinate delivery logistics of the E 175. Ian has more than 35 years of aviation experience.

Roger “Phil” Phillip, CRJ Pilot began his career with Mesa in 2000 and will coordinate all aspects of flight operations administration.

Captain Steve Tillotson began his career with Mesa in 1987. As one of our most senior captains, Steve has served on multiple certification projects and has held numerous positions in flight operations. He will join the certification team as subject matter expert and project coordinator.

Captain Blake Smith has been with Mesa since 2004 and will also serve on this team as a subject matter expert and project coordinator.