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## NAAMTA Awards Medical Transport Accreditation to Berry Aviation

**San Marcos, TX – 16 May 2016** – NAAMTA's Accreditation program is built on providing standards that focus on quality patient care and transport safety. Using a comprehensive audit of administrative documentation, medical practices, and facilities, <u>NAAMTA</u> is awarding <u>Berry Aviation, Inc.</u> medical transport accreditation for their fixed wing program.

Berry Aviation demonstrates compliance to each of the defined standards, excels in identifying best practice procedures, and instills these values in each employee. NAAMTA verified compliance through employee interviews, process reviews, and on-site evaluations, all of which were conducted using <u>ISO 9001:2008</u> auditing guidelines.

In addition to the accreditation award, Berry Aviation joins the NAAMTA Alliance. This alliance unifies accredited organizations in the promotion of continuous improvement in safety and patient care. Continuous improvement is the result of shared education, experience and quality management principles by alliance members.

In speaking of the accreditation process, Stan Finch, Executive VP at Berry Aviation said, "I thought that thorough evaluation of our policies and procedures in advance of the site visits was a well-designed approach to accreditation."

Lisa Gee, a member of the NAAMTA auditing team, said, "We appreciate the opportunity to review the medical transport services Berry Aviation provides through their Department of Defense contract in West Africa. We're impressed by what we found. Berry Aviation delivers best practice medical care with skill and expertise, in a difficult and sometimes hostile environment. The collective commitment to safety and excellence is evident, and is a reflection of the commitment of each member of the Berry Aviation team."

Berry Aviation has achieved a solid reputation for excellence, a status now augmented by an internationally recognized medical transport accreditation. NAAMTA salutes Berry Aviation for their proactive approach in achieving accreditation and looks forward to the contributions they will share with the NAAMTA Alliance.

## About NAAMTA

NAAMTA is an accreditation standard-bearer for the medical transport industry, offering procedures that include guidelines for developing a system focused on transport safety, patient care, quality management, and continuous improvement. NAAMTA is globally recognized for its <u>ISO 9001:2008</u> QMS certification and the implementation of quality practices in their accreditation program. NAAMTA's certified quality management system is audited annually by <u>PRI Registrar</u> which is an <u>ANSI-ASQ National</u> <u>Accreditation Board</u>-approved Registrar accredited to certify organizations to a variety of management systems including ISO 9001.

NAAMTA has successfully made great strides in identifying key best practices to improve the standard of performance among EMS providers at the national and global levels. Through a dynamic approach to auditing and a vast array of web-based reporting and learning tools for members, NAAMTA distinguishes itself as an accreditation source interested in providing services to their members and work toward the improvement of medical transportation practices.

## **About Berry Aviation**

Berry Aviation is an established air carrier headquartered in San Marcos, TX. In operation since 1983, Berry Aviation is certified by the Department of Defense, Commercial Airlift Review Board (CARB). With worldwide authority, Berry Aviation provides cargo, charter passenger, and medical transport services.

Safety, security, and compliance are the cornerstones of operations at Berry Aviation. As a result, Berry Aviation has established and maintains an excellent safety record, and is committed to the safety and security of their patients, customers, operations, equipment, and employees. With an emphasis on best practices, Berry Aviation excels in their dedication to the delivery of quality patient care.

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