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## Monte Belger Awarded 2014 Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award from Air Traffic Control Association Metron Aviation President to Be Honored in October

**July 22, 2014 / Alexandria, Va.** – The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) has chosen **Monte Belger**, President of Metron Aviation, as its 2014 recipient for the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award. Throughout his 40-plus years in aviation, Belger has held standout positions as acting administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and most recently was appointed President of Metron Aviation. In each position, he has forged numerous domestic and international partnerships. A capstone to the ATCA 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition, the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award Banquet will welcome professionals in aviation to honor Belger the evening of **October 1, 2014**.



“I am proud to honor Monte Belger for his exceptional achievements as a senior government official and aviation industry leader,” said **James H. Washington**, Chairman of ATCA. “Monte and I worked together at the FAA since the late 1980s, and I have witnessed his unique ability to execute strategic actions in a complex environment and respond well under pressure. He has orchestrated significant structural and policy changes that resulted in global aviation benefits. Monte is a very worthy recipient of ATCA’s most prestigious award.”

### **About Mr. Belger**

Currently President of Metron Aviation where he has been since 2011, Belger ensures the company is well positioned to successfully contribute to the future of aviation. Prior to Metron, he spent eight years at Lockheed Martin in several senior positions – his last being Vice President of Transportation System Solutions.

He is perhaps best known for the 30-plus years he spent in the FAA – his tenure culminating in the role of Acting Administrator. He was previously Acting Deputy Administrator from 1998 – 2002, and managed all aspects of FAA operations around the world. He played a pivotal role in the transition of aviation security responsibilities from the FAA to the then-newly formed Transportation Security Administration, and he co-chaired the FAA’s successful efforts to adopt acquisition and personnel reform.

Belger is a past president of the Aero Club of Washington, a past Chairman of ATCA, and has served on the Executive Committee for the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation.

### **Professional Accolades for a Lifetime in Aviation**

*“I congratulate Monte on this award and can think of few former FAA leaders who gained as much respect from the FAA and industry alike as he has. His steady, confident, and knowledgeable demeanor set an example for all of us. The aviation industry is fortunate to have Monte’s commitment and contribution.”*

– **Allan McArtor**, Chairman and CEO of Airbus Group, Inc.

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*I have an enormous respect for Monte's contribution to our sector. This is not only manifested by his competence and experience; due to his integrity, credibility, and perseverance, Monte is able to make the difference in the cooperation between various stakeholders and achieve goals that are of great importance for aviation. It is a well-deserved honor for Monte.*

– **Paul Riemens**, Chairman, CANSO, and CEO, LVNL

*"Monte Belger has served in every important leadership position within the FAA, he has a distinguished post-FAA career in industry and has been the voice of reason throughout his career. During his entire career he has been a strong advocate for our industry and a leader in ATCA. Monte is the perfect selection for the Glen Gilbert award."*

– **Neil Planzer**, Vice President, Air Space and Air Traffic Management, The Boeing Company

## **About the Gilbert Award**

Honoring the outstanding, long-term achievement of an individual in the field of aviation, the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award is ATCA's highest honor and one of the premier awards in aviation. Named after Glen A. Gilbert (1913 – 1982), the "father of air traffic control" and writer of the first air traffic control manual, it has been awarded in the past to former FAA Administrators such as The Hon. Jane Garvey and The Hon. Najeeb Halaby; Captain Elrey B. Jeppesen; former Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta; and Pilot A. Scott Crossfield. The Gilbert trophy is displayed at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. A full list of past recipients can be found at [www.atca.org/GlenGilbert](http://www.atca.org/GlenGilbert).

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## **About ATCA**

The Air Traffic Control Association ([www.ATCA.org](http://www.ATCA.org)) is dedicated to the progress and safety of air traffic control and works to advance the technology and professionalism of the industry. Founded in 1956 by a group of air traffic controllers, ATCA serves nearly 3,000 members from throughout the world—individual air traffic controllers as well as aviation associations, educational institutions, the government and military, and companies managing and providing equipment and services in the aviation community.

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