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Peter Challan to be Honored as 2012 Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award Winner

July 25, 2012 / Alexandria, Va. – The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) is proud to announce Peter Challan, Vice President of Industry Relations at Harris Corporation, as its 2012 Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award winner. Challan has received the FAA Distinguished Service Award and served in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for more than 34 years. He will be honored at the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award Banquet the evening of October 3, 2012.

“Harris is extremely proud of Peter’s contributions to the FAA and the aerospace industry,” said Bill Brown, President and CEO of Harris Corporation. “Through Peter’s leadership Harris has forged a strong partnership with the FAA to provide secure and reliable communications critical to the air traffic control network of today, as well as establishing a platform for the next generation network of tomorrow. It is a great and well-deserved honor for Peter to receive this prestigious award.”

A registered professional engineer with a background in civil engineering, Challan’s career in the FAA ranged from traveling the Eastern Region of the U.S. in 1970 as a field engineer, to serving as Senior Vice President for the Air Traffic Organization. During that time, he served as FAA Headquarters’ program manager for Denver Airport; program manager for Terminal ATC Automation; program manager for the Voice System and Control System; Director of the Automation Service; and as Deputy Associate Administrator for the FAA’s Air Traffic Service for five years. After retiring from the FAA in 2005, Peter joined Harris as Vice President of Washington Programs for Government Communications Systems and was later promoted to his current position.

“Peter has built a legacy in aviation through strong decision-making and thorough knowledge of how industry and government can successfully work together,” said Peter F. Dumont, ATCA President and CEO. “ATCA has greatly benefited from his leadership throughout the years – most recently as Chair of the ATCA Board of Directors.”

The Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Banquet serves as the capstone to the ATCA 57th Annual Conference & Exposition. The award is ATCA’s highest honor and one of the premier awards in aviation. Honoring the outstanding, long-term achievement of an individual in the field of aviation, the award is named after Glen A. Gilbert (1913 – 1982), the “father of air traffic control” and writer of the first air traffic control manual. Former winners include former FAA Administrators: The Hon. Jane Garvey and The Hon. Najeeb Halaby; Captain Elrey B. Jeppesen; and Pilot A. Scott Crossfield. The award 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.

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