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Airways partnership to extend ATC training in Puerto Rico

The Inter American University of Puerto Rico (UIPR) has signed a Heads of Agreement with Airways New Zealand for the establishment of an Air Traffic Control training campus in Puerto Rico.

The agreement, announced today at World ATM Congress in Madrid, will see renowned aviation training organisation Airways providing ATC ab-initio, air traffic services operations and air traffic management courses at the university.

UIPR is one of the largest private universities in the western hemisphere, with a dedicated School of Aeronautics on its Bayamón campus. It is the only aviation institution in Latin America with a Professional Pilot Programme accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International.

Chancellor Juan F. Martínez says that partnering with Airways allows the university to further improve its specialised course delivery and technologies.

“Collaboration with Airways provides UIPR with a proven set of courses and courseware which enables us to provide world-class training to the next generation of air traffic management professionals,” he says. “Our students will love the realism of Airways state-of-the-art Total Control simulators, and we’re very impressed with the calibre of the courseware and operational personnel,” Mr Martínez says.

Airways Head of Training, Sharon Cooke, explains that the first intake of trainees is expected as soon as August this year.

“Our Airways team are very practised at establishing and running training programmes internationally, with a team currently working with Emirates Aviation College in Dubai,” says Ms Cooke.

Airways will provide a full ATC training solution for UIPR, including management and operation of the training facility, teaching resources, aerodrome and radar simulators, training support and quality assurance systems.

Representatives from UIPR joined Airways on the Airways stand at the ATM World Congress in Madrid today to discuss the joint venture with media and industry.

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About Airways

Airways is a world-leading commercial Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP), and operates in New Zealand as a State-Owned Enterprise (SOE)

The organisation looks after key aviation infrastructure around New Zealand and manages the more than 1 million traffic movements per year into and around New Zealand's 30 million sq km of airspace, which is 7% of the world's total.

Airways provides air traffic control and engineering training, and has delivered air traffic management, Flightyfield revenue management solutions, navigation services and consultancy in more than 65 countries.

For more information about Airways please visit www.airways.co.nz

About Inter American University of Puerto Rico and the School of Aeronautics

Inter American University of Puerto Rico (UIPR) is a centenary private institution that prepares capable human resources for the workforce and the professions, who can exert leadership in the diverse fields of human activity, and who can adapt to changing scenarios, including those of other cultures. It was founded in 1912.

In 1944 it became the first institution outside the continental United States to be accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

UIPR's School of Aeronautics recently received full accreditation through Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI,) becoming the only collegiate aviation programme with such distinction in Latin America.

For more information about the School of Aeronautics of Inter American University of Puerto Rico please visit www.interamerican.aero