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## **Algonquin College Launches Commercial Pilot and Aviation Management Program with the Ottawa Flying Club**

**Ottawa, Ont., May 25, 2006** – Algonquin College’s Institute of Aviation Studies, within the College’s School of Advanced Technology, has partnered with the Ottawa Flying Club to provide flight training and ground school for its Commercial Pilot and Aviation Management program.

This program is unique to Eastern Ontario and provides an exciting opportunity for students to earn their Commercial Pilot License and an Algonquin College certificate within one year.

“Algonquin College is proud to work with leading industry partners such as the Ottawa Flying Club to offer this program,” says Robert Gillett, President of Algonquin College. “The Commercial Pilot and Aviation Management program will provide skilled personnel for the rapidly growing aviation industry and is a solid example of how the College offers the most relevant and up-to-date level of education and training.”

“As part of the partnership, the Ottawa Flying Club will work with Algonquin to provide flight training and ground school and participate in the development of future programs,” says Andrew McKenzie, General Manager and Chief Flying Instructor of the Ottawa Flying Club.

The Commercial Pilot and Aviation Management program is in direct response to the aviation industry’s desire to employ graduates with a strong background in business and management education. It is designed to enable graduates to obtain work in various facets of the aviation industry including entry-level management positions.

“Understanding new technologies and human factors that affect the successful operation of an aircraft are some of the responsibilities challenging today’s professional commercial pilot”, says Pierre-Marc Juneau, Coordinator of the Institute of Aviation Studies. “Algonquin College is committed to the training of highly-qualified aviation personnel and we are proud to have partners such as the Ottawa Flying Club to help us deliver on this commitment.”

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First Air will also support the program by offering the First Air Achievement Award and the First Air Northern Skies Award. The First Air Achievement Award will honor the graduate of the Commercial Pilot and Aviation Management program who has demonstrated excellence in flying ability, academic achievement, communication and leadership skills, and overall commitment to aviation. The First Air Northern Skies Award will honor two graduates of the program who have demonstrated outstanding flying skills and perseverance together with an ambition to become professional pilots.

Algonquin College's Institute of Aviation Studies is committed to seeking new opportunities that not only support the advancement of new aviation technology and training but will also provide career opportunities for its graduates.

### About Algonquin College:

Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is located in the Nation's Capital and the Ottawa Valley and is the second-largest college in Ontario. Algonquin is the leader in the integration of technology into the learning landscape. Algonquin College has a diverse population of 14,487 full-time students and 34,761 part-time registrations in more than 140 programs and is committed to student success.

### About the Ottawa Flying Club

The Ottawa Flying Club, Eastern Canada's oldest Flying Club, was founded in 1928. With a safety record that ranks among the highest in the flight training industry has provided continuous flight training services for over 78 years. Instrumental in founding the Ottawa International Airport it remains at the forefront of the latest technological advances and training programs. It was selected by the Canadian Space Agency to train their astronauts before going to NASA and they were the first school in Canada to acquire the latest technology in ground-based instrument simulation equipment and the first to add the new generation Cessna aircraft to its fleet. Situated on the north field of the Ottawa International Airport, pilots will gain crucial training in a busy Class C control zone with access to the newest electronic navigation aids.

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