



FIRST PART 135 CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY MEDALLION FOUNDATION

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Medallion Foundation, the leading non-profit aviation safety consulting and auditing group, announced today the first part 135 certificate issued under its ODA (Organizational Designation Authority) authorization.

Southeast Aerial LLC is the first such certificate ever issued to a part 135 applicant by an entity other than the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Under a deviation from John Duncan, Director Flight Standards (AFS-1) of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Medallion is the only organization allowed as a prototype a new designee certification function under the current Air Operator (AO) Organization Designation Authority (ODA) type in FAA Order 8100.15 Organizational Designation Authority procedures. This new function permits Medallion Foundation to conduct the certification of selected Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 135 Certificates.

“The impact is huge,” states Jerry Rock, Medallion Foundation Executive Director. “With the current backlog of certificate applicants, Medallion is breaking new ground by offering another option for certification.”

The FAA delegates many activities and services to the aviation industry, such as manufacturing, pilot check rides and airmen medicals. In the case of Medallion, the FAA is testing whether or not an organization such as Medallion can perform all or part of certification functions to applicants.

Founded in 2001, the mission of the Medallion Foundation is to reduce aviation accident by fostering a proactive safety culture and promoting higher safety standards through one-on-one mentoring, research, education, training, auditing and advocacy. The ODA project is just one of many projects the FAA has tasked Medallion to develop and test for future policies and application.

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