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## **Astronics Corporation Selected by Cessna to Supply Lighting Solutions for the Citation M2, Citation TEN and Corvalis TTX Aircraft**

EAST AURORA, NY, October 10, 2011 – Astronics Corporation (NASDAQ: ATRO), a leader in advanced, high performance lighting, electrical power and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries, announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Luminescent Systems Inc., has been chosen by Cessna Aircraft Company, a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, to supply illuminated instrument panels for the recently announced Citation M2, Citation TEN and Corvalis TTX aircraft as well as exterior lighting for the Citation M2 and Citation TEN.

Peter J. Gundermann, President and CEO of Astronics commented, "Our innovation and technological capabilities inspire our customers' confidence in Astronics and our advanced aircraft lighting solutions. We have a long history with Cessna as a supplier of cockpit and exterior lighting systems for their full line of aircraft from single engine pistons to the Citation Jets and believe that their selection of our solutions for these new aircraft is a testament of their continued belief in our leadership in aircraft lighting and for creating high quality solutions that complement their aircrafts' unique qualities."

For these aircraft, Astronics will provide a complete suite of instruments panels that are illuminated with light emitting diodes (LEDs) which provide increased reliability while reducing power consumption. The instrument panels will be part of the state of the art avionics and cockpit systems that incorporates the latest developments in human factors engineering, ergonomics and user experience to create environments that make flying simpler and more pleasurable.

To address Cessna's exterior lighting requirements, Astronics will supply LED navigation, anti-collision, and beacon lights building on Astronics strong history of supplying Cessna with best in class high reliability exterior lighting solutions. Astronics LED exterior lighting products can also be found on the Citation Mustang and the CJ1/2/3/4 aircraft.

### **ABOUT CESSNA AIRCRAFT COMPANY**

Cessna is the world's leading general aviation company. Since its inception in 1927, Cessna has designed, produced and delivered more than 192,500 airplanes around the globe. This includes more than 6,100 Citation business jets, making it the largest fleet of business jets in the world. Today, Cessna has two principal lines of business: aircraft sales and aftermarket services. Aircraft sales include Citation business jets, Caravan single-engine utility turboprops, single-engine piston aircraft and lift solutions by CitationAir. Aftermarket services include parts, maintenance, inspection and repair services. In 2010, Cessna delivered 535 aircraft, including 179 Citation business jets, and reported revenues of \$2.6 billion. More information about Cessna Aircraft Company is available at [cessna.com](http://cessna.com).

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**ABOUT ASTRONICS CORPORATION**

Astronics Corporation is a leader in advanced, high-performance lighting, electrical power and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries. Astronics' strategy is to develop and maintain positions of technical leadership in its chosen aerospace and defense markets, to leverage those positions to grow the amount of content and volume of product it sells to those markets and to selectively acquire businesses with similar technical capabilities that could benefit from our leadership position and strategic direction. Astronics Corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp., DME Corporation and Luminescent Systems Inc., have a reputation for high-quality designs, exceptional responsiveness, strong brand recognition and best-in-class manufacturing practices. The Company routinely posts news and other important information on its Web site at [www.Astronics.com](http://www.Astronics.com).

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