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## IDD ADDS KEY STAFF TO ENHANCE ENGINEERING DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

REDMOND, WA (May 7th, 2007) - IDD AEROSPACE announces recent additions to key management personnel to expand and enhance engineering design and development capabilities. Changes include the promotion of Ray L. Nicoli to Director of Engineering, the addition of Les Thorpe as Engineering Manager, and the addition of a new stand alone organization focused on program management, led by Ray Moravec as Manager of Program Office.

Ray L. Nicoli brings 15 years of experience in electro-mechanical design and engineering for aerospace companies including Boeing and Rockwell Collins. As Director of Engineering he will be responsible for continuing to evolve the organization's capabilities in lighting, mechanical, electrical and system engineering groups.

Les Thorpe has over 25 years of experience in avionics product design, program management, and engineering management. Mr. Thorpe's responsibilities include primarily electrical, system and software engineering groups reporting to Mr. Nicoli.

Ray Moravec will fill the leadership role in the newly established Program Office. He has 30 years of avionics experience including electro-mechanical design, project management and program management. Mr. Moravec is responsible for managing IDD's large-scale programs and expanding program services.

"Our customers are demanding a greater diversity of skills and competencies from their supplier base" said Steve Hintzke, President of IDD Aerospace. "The combined experience and leadership of these key staff members allows IDD to expand our engineering service offerings in design, documentation and qualification testing, FAA coordination, and offer a deeper level of program support in order to serve our customers even better."

IDD has recently won several large-scale contracts for the development of human-to-machine interfaces for aircraft including multiple contracts for the Boeing 787, Airbus A400M, Sukoi Superjet 100, US 101 Presidential helicopter, and the J-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

### *About IDD Aerospace*

IDD Aerospace is in the Aircraft Systems Division of the Zodiac Group. The company is located in Redmond, WA and is a leading provider of illuminated light panels, control panels assemblies and keyboards for aircraft flight decks to customers worldwide. More information on IDD Aerospace can be found at [www.iddaerospace.com](http://www.iddaerospace.com).

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