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REX FORMS EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH ENTERPRISE AVIATION GROUP FOR ANTARCTIC TENDER

The Regional Express Group (Rex) proudly announces its collaboration with Enterprise Aviation Group (Enterprise) of Oshawa, ON Canada, through an exclusive teaming agreement. This strategic partnership comes as part of Rex's ongoing preparation for the upcoming tender by the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) later this year, following the recent release of the Request for Information (RFI). The RFI specifically called for the provision of up to four twin-engine turboprop aircraft capable of intracontinental flight operations on both ski and wheel landing gear.

Under the joint venture agreement, Rex and Enterprise will leverage their complementary strengths and proven track record to deliver and operate the intracontinental fixed-wing turboprop element required to meet the anticipated upgrading of aircraft capability in support of the AAD's aviation operations.

Enterprise holds the distinction of being the first provider of similar services to various government programs, including the AAD, dating back to 2001. With a fleet of DHC-6 Twin Otter and DC-3T Basler aircraft, Enterprise continues to play a pivotal role in transporting essential supplies, equipment and personnel to remote Arctic and Antarctic locations. The company's exceptional track record in the polar regions, with over 27,000 accident-free hours in the past decade, underscores its dedication to operational excellence in the challenging Antarctic and Arctic environments.

Rex's Antarctic Project Manager, Craig Martin, expressed his confidence in this collaboration, stating, "This collaboration highlights Rex's dedication to assembling the best possible team of complementary capabilities to meet the AAD's requirements. Enterprise brings unparalleled contemporary knowledge and operational expertise to the table. As we work to identify and bring the next generation of intracontinental fixed-wing turboprop aircraft into service for the AAD, Enterprise's deep experience will ensure delivery of a safe, effective and efficient enhancement to the AAD's intracontinental fixed-wing turboprop aircraft capabilities."

Enterprise Aviation Group's Director and Chief Pilot, Brian Burchartz said, "We are honoured to join forces with Rex in this exclusive sub-contract agreement for the upcoming Antarctic RFT. Our long-term experience operating in Antarctica, which includes many firsts, coupled with our contemporary Antarctic operations of the Twin Otter and Basler aircraft conducting both tourism support activities and scientific mission support for numerous government agencies, positions us well in our combined effort to providing the best solution for enhancing the current intracontinental fixed-wing turboprop component of the AAD capabilities."

The collaboration with Enterprise follows on from the partnership with Helicopter Resources and is part of Rex's broader plan to engage with specialist providers to manage aspects of the program that demand more specialised complementary expertise.

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Rex is Australia's largest independent regional and domestic airline operating a fleet of 58 Saab 340 and 8 Boeing 737-800NG aircraft to 57 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the airline Rex, the Rex Group comprises wholly owned subsidiaries Pel-Air Aviation (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator), the Australian Airline Pilot Academy with campuses in Wagga Wagga and Ballarat, and propeller maintenance organisation, Australian Aerospace Propeller Maintenance. Rex is also a 50% shareholder of National Jet Express (NJE), a premier Fly-In-Fly-Out (FIFO), charter and freight operator.

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