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Advisory Circular

Subject: CHARLES TAYLOR "MASTER
MECHANIC" AWARD

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Change:

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular (AC) announces the Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" award. The new FAA award recognizes aviation maintenance personnel who have at least 50 years of experience in the aviation maintenance industry. The award is named for Mr. Charles Taylor, the mechanic that maintained the Wright Brothers airplane.
2. DESCRIPTION. The award will be in the form of a certificate. It will be signed by the FAA Administrator. The date and the individual's name will be added by the individual's local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO).
3. ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible for the "Master Mechanic" award, candidates must meet the following criteria.
 - a. At least a total of 50 years in aviation maintenance as a mechanic, repairman, manager, inspector or teacher as long as he/she kept his/her credentials.
 - b. For a minimum of 40 years, the applicant must have been an FAA-certificated mechanic or repairman.
 - c. The remaining 10 years may be accepted if that individual served as a mechanic in the military or worked in the aviation maintenance or manufacturing industry.
 - d. Must be a U.S. citizen.
 - e. Any individual who has had his/her certificate revoked by the FAA will not be eligible for the award.
 - f. Civil penalty, suspensions, or letter of correction issued to an individual in the past will not be considered sufficient grounds for denial of the award.

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4. APPLICATION. Any person who meets the eligibility requirements, or any person on behalf of the eligible person, may apply for the award by sending a notarized letter to the local FSDO. The letter must contain the following:

a. The kind of certificate(s) held, including the original issue date(s) of the certificate(s).

b. Resume of past employment.

c. Three letters of recommendation from certificated mechanics or repairman.

5. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING THE SELECTION. At least once a year, the FSDO airworthiness supervisor and members of industry will form a selection committee to review the application letters received. The selection committee, consisting of an odd number of individuals with at least three but no more than five members, will choose the qualified individuals for the Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award. A majority vote will determine the outcome of the selection. Multiple selections may be made.

a. There is no limit on the number of awards a FSDO can issue.

b. The award will be presented publicly at a suitable FAA or industry function.



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