
MTU Maintenance Berlin-Brandenburg wins major order

- **U.S. regional airline Air Wisconsin enters into CF34 engine repair and overhaul agreement with MTU**
- **Ten-year contract worth 240 million euros**

Ludwigsfelde, Germany – MTU Maintenance Berlin-Brandenburg has just secured the largest CF34 repair contract in its history. Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation will send all of the CF34-3B1 engines powering its fleet of 70 twin-engine Bombardier CRJ200 regional jets to Ludwigsfelde for repair and overhaul. The ten-year contract is worth about 240 million euros (\$300 million).

Bernd Kessler, President and CEO, commercial maintenance at MTU Aero Engines, noted: "We're very excited about this long-term relationship." He continued to say: "In Air Wisconsin, we added to our customer list a very successful airline that will have nothing less than our all-out support. We'll be happy to contribute to the airline's future success. This contract assures our status as one of the leading CF34 maintenance providers."

CF34 family engines are among the best-selling in their class. MTU Maintenance Berlin-Brandenburg provides service support not only for the -3B1 variant, but also for all other popular versions of the General Electric engine. In the shop's engine portfolio, the CF34 is evolving into the single most important program. André Wall, President and CEO of the MTU affiliate at Ludwigsfelde, commented: "We put a high priority on being available to our customers around the clock every day of the year." Wall is banking on this key contract having a ripple effect among further potential customers.

Christine Deister, Executive Vice President and CFO of Air Wisconsin, noted the customer focus and quality driven aspects of the MTU maintenance operation: "The economic and operational benefits associated with short turnaround times, a highly-skilled workforce, great workmanship and the company's comprehensive engine support package resulted in our decision to award this major engine maintenance contract to MTU."

Air Wisconsin, headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, was founded in 1965 and is the largest independently held regional airline in the United States. The airline operates nearly 500 regional jet daily departures and carries over six million passengers annually for US Airways operating as US Airways Express, with service to 70 cities in



the U.S. and Canada. In addition to the flying services provided to US Airways, Air Wisconsin also provides ground handling services to United Airlines at 21 cities throughout the US.

MTU Maintenance Berlin-Brandenburg is an affiliate of MTU Aero Engines. The company focuses on small and mid-size aircraft engines and on industrial gas turbines. It also does the final assembly of most low-pressure turbines manufactured by MTU. The company plays a very special role in the TP400-D6 program, the engine to power the Airbus A400M military airlifter. Ludwigsfelde has Europe's only production test cell to conduct TP400-D6 development and acceptance test runs. Final assembly of the European TP400-D6 production engines, too, will be performed exclusively at this MTU affiliate.

With its 6,700 employees, MTU Aero Engines is Germany's leading engine manufacturer and a global player in the industry. It is the world's largest independent provider of commercial engine maintenance services. The company has established a leading position in engine technology.

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