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**Pitt County Memorial Hospital/EastCare selects Becker Avionics Digital Audio and Intercom System (DVCS6100) for installation on their newly ordered EC135 and EC145's Helicopters**

HAI - Houston, TX, February 21, 2010 – Becker Avionics is pleased to announce that Pitt County Memorial Hospital has selected the Becker Avionics Digital Audio and Intercom System (DVCS6100) for installation in their newly ordered EC135 and EC145 helicopters.

Rhonda Reeder, administrator for EastCare, states, "We selected the Becker Avionics DVCS6100 Digital Audio and Intercom System for our new EC135 and EC145 helicopters because it provides our pilots and med crews with state-of-the art digital technology, superior sound quality, high reliability, and ease of maintenance. Our air medical program is focused on safety and having advanced technology systems on board our aircraft is vital to accomplishing that goal. Becker's reputation and leadership in the aircraft digital audio realm convinced us to choose their system for our new aircraft. Our partner, Air Methods Corporation, is installing the Becker system on our aircraft at their high-tech and innovative Products Division in Denver."

**About Pitt County Memorial Hospital**

As the flagship hospital for University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, PCMH is leading the way in acute, intermediate, rehabilitation and outpatient services. But it's in their work environment that you'll find helping to build a sense of family and closeness that permeates everything they do.

Their 861-bed tertiary referral facility serves as the teaching hospital for the Brody School of Medicine at ECU and provides healthcare to more than 1.2 million people in 29 counties. In an average year, they see about 36,000 inpatients and more than 266,000 outpatients in their Greenville facilities. Their regional Level I Trauma Center is complete with an air and ground emergency transport system.

The East Carolina Heart Institute at Pitt County Memorial Hospital has established a reputation as one of the nation's premier institutions for cardiac care. The center's focus is on programs, from prevention and management of risk factors to complex surgical techniques.

**About EastCare**

EastCare is a critical care air and ground transport service, based at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, that provides both rapid transportation and advanced medical care to critically ill and injured patients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

EastCare supplements local emergency services through helicopter and critical care ground unit service, neonatal transport and basic life support transport. As part of University Health Systems, EastCare is able to extend a high level of trauma service and specialized medical expertise throughout the 29-county region. Their transport teams are located throughout the region and can depart within five minutes of receiving a call.

EastCare's helicopters, operated by Air Methods Corporation, are self-contained emergency treatment centers with advanced trauma and life support equipment for one patient. They operate in a range of 150 miles to and from Greenville without refueling and can fly directly to the scene of an accident or disaster. The EastCare ground fleet includes Mobile Intensive Care Units in Greenville and several satellite units throughout the region. These units are specially equipped to provide care for critically ill patients. On a regional level, MICU's can rapidly move patients from community hospitals to regional referral centers.

The neonatal transport team consists of a neonatal transport nurse, a registered nurse or paramedic, and an EMT driver or pilot. In some circumstances, a neonatal nurse practitioner or specially trained physician will also accompany the crew. The air and ground critical care units are equipped with isolates as well as specific equipment for monitoring temperature regulation, medication infusion, and respiratory support.

#### **About Becker Avionics**

Becker Avionics is a privately held high-tech company that develops, manufactures and distributes the latest communications, navigation, surveillance and search & rescue equipment for airborne and ground applications.

Becker Avionics has a longstanding history of over 50 years in providing equipment to General and Corporate Aviation, ATC, law enforcement and military organizations around the world. In order to support international market requirements the Company has established branches around the world. Becker Avionics supports an extensive customer base, such as, but not limited to Eurocopter, EADS, Airbus, British Aerospace, ATR, CASA, RUAG, Xi'an Aircraft Corporation, AgustaWestland, Pilatus, German Air Force, Navy and Army, German Border Patrol, German Police, Austrian Army and Police, Swiss Air Force, Dutch Police, Security Civil, Irish Air Corps, Egypt Navy, Indonesian Navy, Portuguese Air Force, US Army, Air Force, Navy and Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol, etc. For further information see their web site at:

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