

BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation

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Press Release

BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation Receives Grant from CH2M HILL as part of firm's Dollars for Doers Program

Grant by CH2M HILL will be used toward Flight for Education and scholarship programs.

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The BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation announced today that it has received a grant from CH2M HILL, a global engineering and construction firm, that will be used toward the "Flight for Education" and related scholarship programs.

A 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation's mission is to provide full spectrum educational opportunities to schools and the public through a series of interactive aviation projects and to preserve aviation history and historic aircraft.

One such project currently underway is the Flight for Education which will allow students and teachers everywhere to actively participate in a historic flight from Bellingham, Washington to Provideniya, Russia, using the WWII Lend-Lease Air Route. Utilizing a revolutionary new flight simulation interface with a historic 1943 Boeing Stearman open cockpit biplane, the project will bring the magic of flight into the home and classroom, providing an exciting "hands-on" learning environment where students can virtually fly along, having very similar views, in real time, just as if they are in the cockpit.

Jeff Geer, President and Chairman of the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation, said "We are honored that CH2M HILL has awarded us this grant. Their support allows us to extend our reach to more kids and schools as well as grow our education program. The emphasis of our program is to inspire students to be excited about school, stay engaged in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects and to seek post secondary education and careers in Aerospace, Engineering and Technology."

Craig Lang, Business Development Support Manager for CH2M HILL in Bellingham, Washington, has been working with the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation since the beginning and serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors. "CH2M HILL is founded on a culture of service – service to clients, colleagues, and the communities where we live and work. Not only does the company support programs such as this, but we are actively involved in schools promoting Careers in Engineering and Engineer's Week" said Lang.

CH2M HILL's Dollars for Doers program recognizes employees for dedicated volunteer service in their communities by providing grants to the non-profit organizations they volunteer a significant amount of time to support.

BRAVO 369 plans to begin its initial flight test program in the spring of 2011 in preparation for a cross-country flight to Great Falls, Montana. The purpose of this flight is to validate the new InFlightXT avionics interface which will allow anyone with a PC or Smartphone to follow our flight in real-time. "Students will not see just a moving dot on a map but a full motion vision of the flight using readily available flight simulation software. What's even better, is we are involving kids at the early stages of this project, having them be our test engineers and tell us what is working for them and what isn't – it's their program as much as it is ours" said Lang.

In addition to STEM subjects, there will be lessons in history and geography as the flight travels along the WWII Lend-Lease route to Alaska. Very few people know that the development of the Lend-Lease Northern Aircraft Ferrying Route was an important part of the war effort and that it resulted in the development of the ALCAN Highway System – something that is rarely mentioned in the history books.

The BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation is seeking additional financial support for its Flight for Education program. Donors and corporate sponsors that are interested in supporting this program are encouraged to contact the foundation through its web site to learn how they can help. For more information about BRAVO 369 and the Flight for Education, please visit www.bravo369.org

BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The main objective of the Flight for Education is to offer a unique educational opportunity for students and teachers everywhere to actively participate in a historic flight from Bellingham, Washington to Provideniya, Russia, using the WWII Lend-Lease Air Route, in a 1943 Boeing Stearman open cockpit biplane. The Foundation will also offer scholarship programs as well as additional educational flight projects and programs beyond the Flight for Education.

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