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Northern Air Cargo Flying New, More Cost Efficient Routes with WAAS

Northern Air Cargo has announced the successful implementation of a new Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) technology, which will allow their aircraft to follow more direct flight paths and increase their ability to land safely in low-visibility conditions. NAC's 737-200's are the first Boeing aircraft in the United States to be equipped with this new technology.

WAAS is an air navigation aid developed by the Federal Aviation Administration to improve the accuracy and availability of the Global Positioning System. NAC's aircraft will be able to rely on GPS for all phases of flight, offering precision approach-like guidance. NAC's aircraft can now descend to the Localizer Performance with Vertical (LPV) minima line of the RNAV (GPS) approach charts. Additionally, WAAS technology

is not limited by Alaska's extreme temperatures which can limit other instrument approach systems.

Reliance on GPS will have major benefits in cost savings, environmental impact, and improved service. WAAS, a satellite based system, enables the use of navigational routes which provide more direct flights paths than the current ground-based navigational system. Utilizing these more efficient routes will reduce fuel consumption and provide environmental benefits. Residents of rural Alaska will benefit from NAC's increased rate of successful landings made possible by new lower approach minimums.

NAC partnered with the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Alaska to gather WAAS availability data with a goal to keep improving WAAS technology and to produce more LPV approaches throughout the state with dozens more under development. "We are excited about implementing this new technology as we strive to improve our operational performance, safety and ultimately service to our customers" said David Karp, NAC's President & CEO.

With 53 years of experience in rural Alaska, Northern Air Cargo is Alaska's largest all-cargo airline. Headquartered in Anchorage, they have offices in Bethel, Fairbanks, and Deadhorse.

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