



Chief Inspector Tom Monroe (center) is joined by members of his maintenance team after receiving the FAA Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award.

CHALLENGE: Maintaining industry leadership in aircraft maintenance capabilities.

SOLUTION: Relying on people like Chief Inspector Tom Monroe, who's been with Bristow for more than 30 years.

BENEFIT: Professionalism, skill and expertise that earn FAA master mechanic recognition.

Chief Inspector Tom Monroe received the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), recognizing more than 50 years of professionalism, skill and aviation expertise in the aircraft maintenance profession.

"This came as quite a surprise to me. I had no idea this was going to happen," Tom said after receiving the award at Bristow's FAA repair station in Louisiana. "I have to say that I have been supported by so many people here, and without their help I could not have been successful. This is a great organization."

Tom began his career in 1960 with the U.S. Air Force. His career path included stops at Pan Am and other helicopter operators, but he has been with Bristow for a total of 34 years, and steadily since 1985.

The FAA presents the award to only a select few each year. The award is named in honor of Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight, who served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft. Recipients receive a plaque signed by the FAA administrator and a lapel pin, and are added to the "Roll of Honor" on the FAA safety website.

Tom Monroe exemplifies Bristow's strong culture of safety and reliability — part of our commitment to operational excellence.