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**PENN STATE HERSHEY LIFE LION CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT ADDS BELFORT DIGIWx II
AUTOMATED WEATHER SYSTEM (AWOS)**

Baltimore, MD—February 4, 2009. Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (**8PS5**) recently completed the installation of a Belfort DigiWx II AWOS system at the Penn State Hershey Life Lion hangar on the campus of the Medical Center.

The Belfort DigiWx II is an automated weather system that reports Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-certified altimeter and FAA-certified visibility with advisory winds, temperature, humidity and cloud height. The real-time weather report is available to both the Penn State Hershey Life Lion flight crew and dispatch personnel via a computer graphic screen and telephone dial-in, as well as over the Internet. The DigiWx II is approved for FAA Part 91 and FAA Part 135 IFR approaches and is specifically designed for heliport operations.

“The Penn State Hershey Life Lion Critical Care Transport team is dedicated to ongoing operational flight safety,” said Douglas Turk, chief pilot, Penn State Hershey Life Lion. “Using an AWOS enables our dispatch personnel and pilots to obtain real-time, mission critical weather conditions—resulting in increased aircraft safety and operational performance. Adding this enhanced technology to our flight program reinforces the Medical Center’s commitment to providing safe and rapid aero medical services to the communities we serve.”

Belfort Instrument Company is one of the leading suppliers of FAA certified AWOS systems for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) industry.

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