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## FAA APPROVES MASTER INSTRUCTION TRAINING COURSE

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved the training course outline for flight instructor refresher courses offered by *Master Instruction*, an aviation education corporation based in Indiana. The courses promise to provide stimulating and informative schooling in matters of crucial interest to flight instructors, breaking free of the pattern that has become too common in FIRCS.

“It is sad that many FIRCS these days are simply two days of rehashing the material CFIs proved they know years ago,” remarked Rusty Sachs, Master Instruction chief pilot. “Our goal is to assure that participants in our courses are up to date on the equipment, techniques, and developments that are changing general aviation so dramatically.” The courses feature lessons on GPS, glass cockpits, and IACRA, as well as Sport Pilot and instruction in taildraggers.

*Master Instruction's* courses will be offered live, rather than through an electronic online format, and will draw instructors from the nation's cadre of NAFI Master Instructors. “We considered designing an online FIRCS,” explained Jack Vandeventer, president of the company. “But we determined that the vast majority of CFIs appreciate the participation of their peers. An online course is a great if you need to recertify at the last minute, but most folks want to have the opportunity

to interact with others, even if it's only once every two years. And NAFI Master Instructors are recognized by their fellow aviation professionals as being the best of the best.”

Vandeventer, twice designated as a NAFI Master Instructor, also offers instruction from Indianapolis Executive Airport. Sachs, the only individual designated a NAFI Master Instructor seven times, is a designated pilot examiner in the northeast and former executive director of the National Association of flight Instructors.