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Belize Ministry of National Defense and Border Security receives first multi-mission Cessna Grand Caravan EX aircraft



Multi-mission Cessna Grand Caravan EX aircraft for Belize maritime patrol and search and rescue missions

WICHITA, Kan. (March 2, 2023) – Textron Aviation Inc. today announced it has delivered a special mission Cessna Grand Caravan EX aircraft to the Belize Ministry of National Defense and Border Security. The Foreign Military Sale (FMS) contract was executed by the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama.

The Cessna Grand Caravan EX aircraft is designed and manufactured by Textron Aviation, a Textron Inc. (NYSE:TXT) company.

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This Grand Caravan EX is fitted with an Electro-Optical/Infra-Red (EO/IR) sensor, operator mission console, tactical radios and data link. Textron Aviation will provide pilot, mission operator and maintenance training, as well as an in-country field service representative.

About the Cessna Grand Caravan EX

The Cessna Caravan platform has seen more than 3,000 aircraft delivered that are certified in 100 countries with nearly 24 million flight hours amassed worldwide since the aircraft was introduced. Caravans fulfill roles for multiple missions, ranging from flight training to recreation, commuter airlines to VIP transport, cargo carriers and humanitarian missions. The Grand Caravan EX aircraft is known for its dependable and efficient performance by regional airlines, charter operators, cargo carriers and special mission operators worldwide. The aircraft offers an impressive output of 867 horsepower and a rate of climb of 1,275 feet per minute.

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When government, military and commercial customers want airborne solutions for critical missions, they turn to Textron Aviation. The company's aviation solutions provide the high performance and flight characteristics required to address the unique challenges of special mission operations.

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