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OMNIFLIGHT HELICOPTERS' SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CLINICAL MANAGER NAMED TO STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. ...December 2, 2009 Omniflight Helicopters, Inc., a leading national provider of air medical services, announced today that Lynda LaRue, ADN, R.N., CMTE, regional clinical manager for the company's Southeast region was named to the State of Alabama Board of Nursing.

In this voluntary four-year position, which runs from January 2010 to December 2013, LaRue will work with the Board to assist with regulations and lobbying for changes in laws that govern nurse practices throughout Alabama. The Board also oversees nurse practices as well as programs of study and approves nursing curriculums at colleges. Additionally, they oversee disciplinary actions of practicing nurses in Alabama, including those of registered nurses, nurse practitioners or advanced practice nurses and licensed practical nurses. The Board also is involved in licensure of nurses, continuing education protocols and other aspects related to the nursing practice.

"I am very excited about my position with the Alabama Board of Nursing. My goals are to serve as a representative of all the nurses across Alabama, and to also try to make a difference for those not necessarily engaged in traditional nursing roles. This position affords me the opportunity to make inroads on behalf of all types of nurses statewide and to help enhance the profession and related education programs throughout Alabama," LaRue said of her new role.

LaRue brings 25 years of nursing experience to the state. She has worked with Omniflight's Alabama LifeSaver since 2001, an air medical services provider. During her career, she was a home health nurse for the Cullman County Health Department and an R.N. at Carraway Methodist Medical Center, a level one trauma center in Birmingham. During her tenure there, she worked in the intensive care unit for six years. Her flight nursing career spans nearly two decades.

LaRue is a member of Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association (ASTNA), the Alabama State Nursing Association (ASNA) and serves as vice president of the local Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) chapter in Alabama. She is also a certified medical transport executive (CMTE), which is issued by AAMS.

She was recently named 2009 East Alabama Emergency Medical Services Manager of the Year by East Alabama Emergency Medical System.

LaRue lives in live in Blountsville, with her husband and two children, both of whom attend Auburn University. She earned an associate degree in nursing from Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala. and graduated Summa Cum Laude.

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Alabama Life Saver has been providing air medical services to Birmingham and various surrounding communities for 27 years. Addison, Texas-based Omniflight Helicopters, Inc. is a leading provider of air medical services throughout the U.S. The company operates about 100 aircraft nationally from 72 bases in 18 states, with a strong presence across the Southwest, Midwest and Southeast regions as well as certain Mountain State areas. Its focus is primarily on inter-facility and on-site emergency scene response using both rotor and fixed-wing aircraft. For more information, please visit www.omniflight.com.

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