

## **Skyguide to train aspiring Swedish air traffic controllers in Switzerland**

**Geneva, 2 July 2013.** From October this year, skyguide will train aspiring Swedish air traffic controllers in its training centre in Wangen bei Dübendorf. The Initial Training starts on 7 October and lasts until the end of August 2014. Skyguide could win these future controllers through an existing collaboration with Swedish ACR Aviation Capacity Resources AB for training in Switzerland.

### **Cooperation with ACR Aviation Capacity Resources AB (ACR)**

Since May 2011 skyguide cooperates through skyguide ANS solutions with the Swedish Air Navigation Service Provider ACR Aviation Capacity Resources AB (ACR), headquartered in Stockholm. ACR provides air traffic control at the airports of Örebro, Västerås, Växjö/Småland and Trollhättan Vänersborg and is active in the since 2010 liberalised Swedish market. In addition, ACR gained in late April of this year, a consortium of the airports of Norrköping, Jönköping, Kalmar, Karlstad and Skellefteå for its services.

### **Convincing overall package of skyguide services**

Skyguide has a broad portfolio of services, among which the training is only one element, which convinced ACR. For the training in Dübendorf speaks the skyguide training centre with a state-of-the-art infrastructure, latest training methods, an experienced team of instructors and various international customers.

The overall offer of skyguide ANS solutions has been decisive for the decision in favour of skyguide says ACR CEO Wilhelm Wohlfahrt: "Skyguide can help us not only in education but also with support in other areas with its expertise. In addition, skyguide's training centre is one of the most modern in Europe."

Skyguide CEO Daniel Weder expressed his satisfaction with the successful cooperation: "ACR's decision in favour of skyguide is a big vote of confidence and confirms our efforts for education and training in Switzerland and our range of ANS solutions."

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Skyguide is responsible for providing air navigation services in Switzerland and in parts of neighbouring countries. It has 1400 employees working in 14 different locations and safely and efficiently guides around 3200 civil and military flights a day, or 1.2 million a

year, through the busiest and most complex airspace in Europe. Skyguide focuses on continuous improvement, targeted innovation and creative cooperation. Together with its partner organisations in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, the company forms part of the FABEC alliance, which is responsible for managing Central Europe's airspace. Skyguide is a non-profit limited company that has its head office in Geneva. It is majority-owned by the Swiss Confederation.

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