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DB Aviation President Wins Leadership Award

Waukegan, Ill. – October 27, 2010 – DB Aviation, a leading business aviation operator announced today that its president, Dave Brittsan, has been honored by *Smart Business* magazine as a 2010 Smart Leader in Chicago. The award is a reflection of more than ten years spent performing various leadership roles within the company.

The award was presented at the Smart Leaders Awards Luncheon hosted at Chicago's Metropolitan Club on October 21st. According to *Smart Business*, those honored were distinguished for being the brightest and most innovative leaders in local business. An estimated 200 guests attended the event featuring a keynote speech from Selim Bassoul, Chairman and CEO of the Middleby Corporation.

“We’ve achieved success by consistently exceeding customer expectations, and the key has been empowering our employees to make this a reality,” says Brittsan. “It’s gratifying to receive an honor highlighting our company’s successful growth from such a well respected publication. *Smart Business* offers insightful advice to its Chicago readers and helps businesses of all types reach their goals.”

Mr. Brittsan was appointed president of DB Aviation in 2001 and is responsible for the overall vision and long term strategic planning of the company. Since taking over as president the company has grown its fleet of aircraft by 172%, expanded operations into 6 states, attained the highest possible safety ratings and been recognized as a *Crain's Chicago Business Fast Fifty* honoree. Mr. Brittsan is also active on several charitable and civic organization's governing boards.

About DB Aviation

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