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## ARGUS TRAQPak Indicates a Drop in April Flight Activity

**Cincinnati, Ohio, May 08, 2012...** ARGUS TRAQPak data is serial-number specific aircraft arrival and departure information on all IFR flights in the US (including Alaska and Hawaii) & Canada. The tables below reflect business aircraft activity data for April 1-30, 2012 vs. March 1-31, 2012 and April 1-30, 2012 vs. April 1-30, 2011 respectively. Customers may call +1 800.361.2216 to request a copy of this market intelligence report.

**ARGUS TRAQPak data for April 2012 shows a drop in flight activity month over month but a rise year over year.** TRAQPak data indicates that April 2012 business aircraft flight activity decreased from March (which is the typical annual trend), finishing the month down 4.4%. All of the operational categories finished down from the previous month, led by Part 135 activity, down 5.5%. Fractional and Part 91 finished down 4.9% & 3.7% respectively. The aircraft category results were also down from the previous month, led by large cabin aircraft, down 8.1%. Turboprops, mid-size & small cabin aircraft flights were down 4.5%, 3.9%, & 2.7% in that order. The only month over month increase came in the fractional turboprop sector, up 4.8%.

 <small>ARGUS International, Inc.</small>	<b>Business Aircraft Activity April 2012 vs. March 2012</b>			
	<b>Part 91</b>	<b>Part 135</b>	<b>Fractional</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>Turbo Prop</b>	-3.2%	-9.3%	4.8%	-4.5%
<b>Small Cabin Jet</b>	-2.0%	-3.6%	-4.6%	-2.7%
<b>Mid-Size Cabin Jet</b>	-3.8%	-1.2%	-6.1%	-3.9%
<b>Large Cabin Jet</b>	-7.7%	-6.5%	-13.4%	-8.1%
<b>All Aircraft Combined</b>	-3.7%	-5.5%	-4.9%	-4.4%
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Reviewing activity year over year (April 2012 vs. April 2011) TRAQPak observed a 1.3% increase in overall aircraft activity. Comparing the operational categories Part 91 continues the positive trend finishing up 4.5%. The Fractional and Part 135 markets both saw a year over year decline in activity; down 6.1% & 1.0% in that order. Activity by aircraft category for April saw increases in most groups with the exception of large cabin aircraft, which finished down 4.9%. Looking at individual market segments, for the sixth month in a row Part 91 mid-size cabin & small cabin aircraft showed the most significant year over year increases; each up 7.3% in April.

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	<b>Part 91</b>	<b>Part 135</b>	<b>Fractional</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>Turbo Prop</b>	4.3%	3.7%	0.8%	3.8%
<b>Small Cabin Jet</b>	7.3%	-3.7%	-5.3%	2.4%
<b>Mid-Size Cabin Jet</b>	7.3%	-2.6%	-7.8%	0.1%
<b>Large Cabin Jet</b>	-3.9%	-5.0%	-9.2%	-4.9%
<b>All Aircraft Combined</b>	4.5%	-1.0%	-6.1%	1.3%
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*TRAQPak Aircraft Categories*

**Turbo Prop**

Single Engine Turboprop Aircraft and Multi-Engine Turboprop Aircraft

**Small Cabin Jet**

Very Light Jets (VLJ) and Light Jets (LJ)-Jet aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of less than 20,000lbs.

**Mid Size Cabin Jet**

Mid-size Jets (MJ) and Super Mid-size Jets (SMJ) - Jet aircraft with maximum takeoff weight of over 20,000 to 41,000 lbs.

**Large Cabin Jet**

Large Jets, Ultra-Long Range and Heavy Jets – Jet aircraft with maximum takeoff weight of over 41,000 lbs. For weight over 41,000 lbs and Ultra-Long Range and Heavy Jets having an NBAA IFR Range above 6,000NM.

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