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AGUSTA WESTLAND SELECTS UNIVERSAL FABRIC STRUCTURES TO SUPPLY HANGAR FOR AW101 TESTING

(Quakertown, PA) When AgustaWestland needed to test one of its latest helicopters in extreme conditions it required a temporary hangar to operate from during the trials. Following a detailed evaluation of possible solutions AgustaWestland selected Universal Fabric Structures to supply a temporary hangar at Leadville Airport in Leadville, Colorado, which is a very unique location in that it is the highest elevation of any airport in the United States – 9,900 feet above sea level.



Universal Fabric Structure's TFS-RV Series Structure – Leadville, CO

AgustaWestland needed a hangar that could withstand the harsh weather conditions and meet the wind load rating for that area. Since this was a short-term need AgustaWestland also wanted some different financing options. After calling Universal Fabric Structures, Inc. they knew they had found what they needed. What was recommended was a 131' x 82' TFS-RV Series structure to house the helicopter. It could shed snow, was adaptable to tight spaces and met the wind load rating for that area - a key component to getting awarded the contract. Universal Fabric Structures, Inc. also offered a rental option to meet AgustaWestland's needs.

With an immediate inventory available, Universal Fabric Structures, Inc. was able to deliver the structure quickly and on time. Construction was done within a few weeks and testing on the AW101 was underway.

About AgustaWestland

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica's company, is a provider of total capability solutions in the vertical lift markets. Through its rotorcraft systems design, development, production and integration capabilities, its experience in the training business and its customer focused Integrated Operational Support solutions; the company delivers unrivalled mission capability to military and commercial operators around the world. By investing in new products and partnerships, AgustaWestland is focusing on its strategic vision of being synonymous with helicopters and vertical lift.

About Universal Fabric Structures

Universal Fabric Structures is committed to providing high quality, cost effective, engineered fabric structure systems based on customer-driven needs. Established in 1983, the company has delivered on this commitment providing solutions for military, sport, industrial, and commercial and event applications. Projects include rapid-deploy, relocatable military structures, SPORTHALL® facilities for various sports & recreation applications, industrial enclosures (including rentals) for warehousing, aviation and environmental remediation, and commercial structures for correctional, worship, events and gaming applications.



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