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Bridger Aerospace Secures DOI Task Order, Deploying Its Most Advanced Multi-Mission Wildfire Aircraft

King Air 350 configured with aircraft modification updates, dual-sensor configuration, and ability to pair with interoperable intel

BELGRADE, Mont., July 16, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. ("Bridger," "Bridger Aerospace" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: BAER, BAERW), one of the nation's leading aerial firefighting companies, today announced it has been awarded a task order by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to deploy a King Air 350 equipped with Bridger's most advanced Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA) capabilities.

Following months of extensive modifications completed at Bridger's FAA-certified repair station, supported by the engineering expertise of the company's Huntsville team, the aircraft has been deployed under a 112-day task order to provide advanced situational awareness in support of wildfire and other emergency operations across the United States.

The aircraft is equipped with Blackhawk engine upgrades to deliver jet-like speed, superior loiter time, and outstanding low-altitude performance. This King Air is also enhanced with Garmin avionics, dual sensor systems, and real-time data dissemination capabilities. Its sensor suite includes the first-ever use of Wide Area Motion Imagery (WAMI) technology in wildfire, paired with the proven performance of the MX-15 electro-optical/infrared (EO/IR) sensor.

"Our King Air MMA represents Bridger's commitment to combining advanced technology with specialized aircraft to deliver the most innovative wildfire and other emergency intelligence solutions available," said Bridger CEO Sam Davis. "This project was an extraordinary undertaking for our team, and we believe it has the potential to significantly enhance how intelligence is collected, shared, and acted upon in the field. As we advance our mission to protect lives, property, and the environment, we remain focused on delivering highly capable aircraft, exceptional platform performance, and meaningful value to our partners."

This deployment marks another milestone in Bridger's mission to equip frontline wildfire personnel with the most capable and fully integrated aerial intelligence tools available. The aircraft will operate through the end of October and will be based in Bozeman, Montana, supporting primarily wildfire response efforts as temperatures rise and drought conditions intensify across the western United States.

About Bridger Aerospace

Based in Belgrade, Montana, Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. is one of the nation's largest aerial firefighting companies. Bridger provides aerial firefighting and wildfire management services to federal and state government agencies, including the United States Forest Service, across the nation, as well as internationally. More information about Bridger Aerospace is available at <https://www.bridgeraerospace.com>.

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