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The industry

The aviation and aerospace industry can be segmented a number of different ways: civil; military; aircraft systems and frames; aircraft equipment; aircraft engines, which cut across the civil/military segments; and, finally, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), which overlaps all of the above segments.

An unparalleled series of events has subjected the industry to considerable change over the recent past. For example, 9/11, the SARS virus, the war in Iraq and the war on terror have all had their effect.

Additionally, the bigger players, the “Primes”, are increasingly demanding that tier 1 and tier 2 suppliers put in place, retain and improve their management systems. As a result, the less formal players are gradually being removed from the market as pressure to comply with systems increases.

The consensus seems to be that the shake out will continue for another 2 to 3 years as the bigger players adopt the approach of “What you have done before does not matter. If you don’t play the systems and standards game you are not going to get the contract.” It has been said that those that embrace “excellence” will thrive, others will fall by the wayside.

Status Experience

Status has worked with a number of different companies in the sector, including Burwood Aviation Limited. The brief with Burwood is the maintenance and improvement of their 9000 systems which have recently been upgraded to AS EN 9120. The possibility of working towards the environmental standard, ISO 14000, has also been discussed; however, the management team are still deliberating this decision.

Status has also had a very long-term relationship with TFC, a fastener business that has recently changed hands and since adopted a very aggressive growth path. A very significant proportion of TFC’s business is aimed at the aerospace sector and Status has assisted them in a range of quality, environmental, safety and people initiatives.

Pacific Scientific, a UK subsidiary of the Danaher Corporation dealing in the repair and overhaul of fire extinguishers, pressure vessels, oxygen bottles, crew oxygen masks and crew seat restraints, have also worked with Status. Status was appointed to assist with the implementation of ISO 9001:2000 and the integration of those systems with existing registrations to, for instance, EASA 145 and FAR 145.

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