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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **CHARLES INDUSTRIES' 360-80 INTELLIGENT CHANNEL BANK IS SELECTED BY FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT AIRPORT CABLE LOOP PROGRAM**

**ROLLING MEADOWS, IL (February 24, 2011)** — Charles Industries, Ltd., a leading provider of outside plant innovations for telecommunications including telecom, CATV and wireless service providers, has announced that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved the 360-80 Intelligent Channel Bank for use with the Airport Cable Loop Program.

The FAA's Airport Cable Loop Program (ACLP) is designed to update the broadband capabilities of communications networks at airports throughout the country by leveraging fiber optic technology. The 360-80 is part of the solution set that will facilitate network modernization. Charles is working with Walker and Associates to deliver logistics and distribution services to the FAA for the Airport Cable Loop Program.

"Charles Industries has been working with the FAA for a number of years on this solution as well as others," commented Minesh Patel VP of the Outside Plant Business Unit for Charles Industries. "We are looking forward to further developing the relationship we have forged with the FAA and with Walker and Associates in support of this critical infrastructure program for our country."

Charles' 360-80 product line includes over 12 different service modules and has been deployed in a variety of applications by governmental agencies, telecommunications and wireless service providers, MSOs and utilities. For more information on the 360-80 product line, please visit <http://www.charlesindustries.com/360-80.htm>.

#### **About Charles Industries, Ltd.**

2012 marks Charles Industries' 44th year as a privately held, diversified manufacturing and technology company serving telecommunications, utility, CATV/Broadband, marine and industrial markets. Founded in 1968, the company is ISO 9001:2008 and TL 9000 registered and headquartered in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, with four U.S. manufacturing centers. For further information and a list of authorized Charles distributors, please visit [www.charlesindustries.com](http://www.charlesindustries.com) or call (847) 806-6300.

**About Walker and Associates**

Walker and Associates was founded in 1970. Walker is a national distributor of network products for broadband providers, including wireline, wireless, cable TV, government and enterprise network operators. Walker provides reliable sourcing, supply chain management, and order management services. Walker has a full suite of value added services offerings, from engineering to installation. Walker's extensive range of products from over 350 suppliers facilitates carriers' delivery of high speed internet, video, data and voice services to residential, business, and mobile users.

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