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IBAC Introduces FlightPlan Stage1 IS-BAO Option – Designed for One Aircraft / One Base Operators

NBAA-BACE 2019, Las Vegas, NV – October 21 – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) has announced a new option for its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) programme intended for single aircraft flight departments. The new FlightPlan Stage1 option is being introduced with North American operator, 30 West Jets, based in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Bennet Walsh, IS-BAO Programme Director, stated, “We have worked closely with small operators like 30 West, and the IBAC member associations, all around the world to develop this new, all-inclusive option that defines a clear, stepped, and simple pathway to IS-BAO Stage 1 registration within 90-180 days of initiating this Stage 1 process. FlightPlan Stage 1 is not better than a traditional Stage 1 but an equal option for the busy small flight department with limited resources to allocate toward their business and risk reduction management systems,” added Walsh.

The FlightPlan package includes the IS-BAO standard document suite and the IS-BAO General Company Operations Manual (GCOM) in the operator’s regulatory framework, (e.g. NCC, FAR Part 91/135, etc.) in coordination with AviationManuals. In addition, FlightPlan includes implementation assistance with a Programme Support Affiliate (PSA) that has special Progressive credentials to act as an implementor to streamline the pre-audit process. Then once the FlightPlan operator has completed the steps for registration with the implementor, they will be scheduled for a one-day registration audit. Post-registration “On Course” validations will happen every 6 months during a 24-month period, all under one inclusive fee structure.

“We fly one Gulfstream G550 for our business and also do charter flights all over the world, and I always thought IS-BAO was only for larger operators until now,” commented Vik Brar, Chief Pilot and owner of 30 West Jets. “The idea that IS-BAO could be packaged with support implementors, one-day audits, and simplified, all-inclusive payment structure was exactly what we needed. Our schedules don’t allow for the time and manpower it takes to initiate this program in house, but we value what IS-BAO stands for and wanted to take the next step in developing our safety culture. It is the perfect option for us, and we are proud to be the North American launch operator for this new FlightPlan Stage 1.”

To learn more about FlightPlan Stage1, please email Bennet Walsh at bwalsh@ibac.org or visit the IBAC team at booth #N2816 during NBAA-BACE 2019, 22 October through 24 October in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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