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IBAC Welcomes Bruce Mayes, New IS-BAO Auditor Accreditation Manager

Montreal, Canada 28 January 2015 – IBAC welcomes Bruce Mayes as the new Auditor Accreditation Manager for the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) Program. Bruce brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the growing IS-BAO, focusing on quality control of the auditor pool. In doing so, he will ensure that audits add value to operators' efforts to implement the internationally recognized best practices of IS-BAO.

“The IBAC team is pleased to have Bruce join us,” said Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General. “Not only does he have real-world background in business aviation operations, but he is also an enthusiastic advocate for the safety management system concept. He will be a terrific representative for the IS-BAO.”

An experienced director of operations and chief pilot, Bruce understands the challenges of managing aviation programs. His piloting background is comprised of both helicopter and fixed-wing operations in commercial and non-commercial environments, including Boeing 737 captain for Aloha Airlines; U.S. Coast Guard pilot (HH-52 helicopter and C-130); and U.S. Army Air Cavalry commander and pilot on UH1, OH-58, AH1 helicopters.

A champion for human factors training, he developed CRM standards for commercial carriers and facilitated helicopter CRM workshops for police, fire, FAA, U. S. Army, and air tour pilots in various parts of the world. He also created curricula and facilitated CRM workshops for FAR Part 135 fixed wing and helicopter companies. In addition, he has significant experience as an aviation safety auditor, including IS-BAO.

Bruce earned a B.S. in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Hawaii, a M.S. in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle University, and a M.A. in Business Management from Central Michigan University.

At more than 730 registered operators worldwide, IS-BAO is a global, voluntary code of best practice with a safety management system at its core. Tailored specifically for business aviation operators, it is built upon and consistent with the standards and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation Organization. For more information, please visit www.ibac.org/is_bao-2.

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