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# MERIDIAN ACHIEVES IS-BAO STAGE 2 CERTIFICATION

Teterboro, NJ, June 13, 2012 – Meridian Air Charter, the award-winning private charter company based at Teterboro Airport (TEB) in NJ, is proud to announce that it has earned IS-BAO Stage 2 Certification, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to the Safety Management System (SMS). Certificates of Registration are issued by the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) to flight departments that have demonstrated compliance through successful completion of an audit by an IBAC Accredited Auditor.

IS-BAO created the stages of SMS development to ensure program maintenance and progress. Stage 1 Certification is achieved when the operator's SMS has been documented, approved, and resourced. It is implemented at the time of the audit. Stage 2 Certification is granted to those operators who's SMS is functioning with the results being actively measured. Less than 20% of all operators have achieved Stage 2 status.

Dan Govatos, Director of Operations, says, "Achieving the prestigious IS-BAO Stage 2 Certification puts Meridian in an elite category among world air carriers who have a mature Safety Management System. It is truly a testament to our high level of expertise and exemplary safety record."

The International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) was formally introduced and made available to the business aviation community at the European Business Aviation Conference and Exhibit (EBACE) in Geneva, May 2002. IBAC introduced the IS-BAO program to develop a code of best practices designed to help flight departments worldwide achieve a high level of safety and professionalism.

### About Meridian:

Meridian is a full-service, private aviation company based in Teterboro, NJ, located just minutes from New York City. The company has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its outstanding service and state-of-the-art facility. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include Aircraft Management, Aircraft Maintenance, Air Charter, and a world-class Executive Terminal / FBO that was completed in 2006.

For more information, please visit our website at <a href="www.meridian.aero">www.meridian.aero</a> or call us at 201-288-5040.

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