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## **MERIDIAN RECEIVES HIGHEST SAFETY RATING BY ARG/US**

Las Vegas, NV, October 9, 2011 – Meridian Air Charter, the charter business unit of Meridian, will be formally awarded the Aviation Research Group/US (ARG/US) Platinum Rating at its exhibitor booth on the first day of the NBAA 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Convention. The Platinum Package will be presented to Dennis O’Connell, President of Meridian Air Charter and Andrew Ladouceur, Director of Sales and Client Services.

The Platinum Rating is the highest level of the ARGUS Ratings. It is awarded to those experienced operators who meet the criteria for Gold and pass the ARGUS Platinum on-site safety audit. A Platinum Rating requires a well-developed Safety Management System, a clear and workable Emergency Response Plan, effective policies and procedures, and documented records for all major aspects of operations and maintenance within a flight department or charter company.

“We are honored to have earned the ARG/US Platinum Rating, which we at Meridian have worked very hard to achieve. Our Charter Group has always set the bar high for itself, but it’s a bonus for us to receive such a prestigious award and recognition from the industry leader in safety audits,” says Mr. Ladouceur.

#### About ARGUS:

ARGUS International, Inc. (ARGUS) is the industry leader in providing specialized aviation services to companies that manufacture, finance, operate, maintain, and market commercial and business aircraft, as well providing products and services to end-user consumers worldwide. ARGUS is the worldwide leader in performing on-site safety audits for corporate flight departments, charter operators, and commercial airlines. Founded in 1995, key ARGUS services include Charter Evaluation & Qualification (CHEQ) and CHEQPoint, PRISM Safety Management Support systems and training, TRAQPak market intelligence data service, aircraft operating cost reports, market research, and aviation and travel consulting.

ARGUS is headquartered in Cincinnati, OH, with additional offices in Philadelphia, PA, Denver, CO, and Columbus, OH. For more information, visit [www.argus.aero](http://www.argus.aero).

#### 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 world-class service and state-of-the-art facility. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include Aircraft Management, Aircraft Maintenance, Air Charter, and a luxurious Executive Terminal / FBO that was completed in 2006.

The historical roots of Meridian originated in 1946 when company founder and former WWII test pilot, Ken Forester, Sr., began converting military transport aircraft for executive operation. Opened at Teterboro in 1958, Meridian was one of the early pioneers of private aviation in the New York City market. Today, the company is led by Ken Forester, Jr., making Meridian the longest continuously operating aviation services company in the New York Metropolitan Area, and the only remaining family-owned business at Teterboro Airport (TEB).

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