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## MERIDIAN FBOs RECEIVE IS-BAH REGISTRATION

Teterboro, NJ, June 10, 2020 – Meridian, the award-winning private aviation company, is pleased to announce that it has received recognition from the International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH) for its Hayward (HWD) and Teterboro (TEB) FBO facilities. The IS-BAH standard is based on International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and recommended practices in the preparation of handling business aircraft. The standard was designed to promote use of industry best practices blended through a progressive Safety Management System (SMS) for FBOs and Business Aircraft Handling Agencies (BAHA).

“We are proud to be recognized for our continued commitment and conformance to these standards following the audit process that resulted in an IBAC certificate of registration for Hayward as well as for our TEB FBO,” said Carlos Rodriguez, HWD General Manager. “Meridian has always adhered to the highest standards and best practices, and this latest industry certification underscores this commitment.”

IS-BAH provides baseline requirements for structuring an FBO or BAHA in the planning and conduct of their operations. It also asks these organizations to review their current systems, programs and procedures, recognize strengths and weaknesses in those procedures and upgrade to a higher standard.

IS-BAH registered FBO/BAHAs benefit from the same advantages experienced by current International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) registered operators, who note that since implementation they have experienced a variety of benefits, including enhanced operational safety through predictive and proactive methods and improved efficiency and effectiveness through an integrated management system. Meridian currently holds IS-BAO Stage 2 Registration.

There are additional benefits to having achieved IS-BAH, notes TEB Interim Line Service Manager Victor Rodriguez, who also serves as Line Service & FBO Safety Training Coordinator. “The IS-BAH standard provides us with a framework to benchmark the latest trends as well as the ability to measure overall department performance,” he states. “One of the primary tenets of the standard is having a solid SMS in place and continuing to review and look for improvement opportunities which help maintain the highest standards.”

“At Meridian, that process is part of our culture,” added Carlos, who is also Victor’s brother. “We’re dedicated to providing safe, efficient and outstanding service in every aspect of our operations. Receiving IS-BAH accreditation shows our customers how much we value them.”

### **About IBAC / IS-BAH**

IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with official observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) that promotes and manages the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH™); International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO™); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Aircrew Identification Card. Conforming to these standards and recommended practices is voluntary and may be self-administered.

However, recognition for implementation of and conformance to the standards is available via an auditing process that results in an IBAC certificate of registration. Audits conducted every two years ensure conformance with the standard while offering an opportunity to advance to higher stages, and provide valuable feedback to the operator. The registration certificate issued upon successful completion of an audit serves as proof of compliance with several key ICAO standards. Learn more about IS-BAH at <https://ibac.org/is-bah>.

### **About Meridian**

Meridian is an award-winning, private aviation company with locations at Teterboro Airport (TEB) near New York City, and Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) near San Francisco. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include FBOs, Private Air Charter, Aircraft Management, and Aircraft Maintenance. We

also have charter sales offices located at Sonoma County Airport (STS) in California, and Opa-Locka Executive Airport (OPF) in Miami, FL.

Meridian Teterboro has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its exceptional service: 2020 AIN FBO Survey - Top 5% FBO in the Americas and #1 FBO in Northeast; 2020 *Professional Pilot* PRASE Survey - Top 20 Best FBOs in US, Top 10 Best Independent FBOs in US, and Best CSRs (Betsy Wines and Victor Seda). Meridian was voted #1 FBO at Teterboro Airport in both surveys. Both Meridian Teterboro and Meridian Hayward are CAA Preferred FBOs at their respective airports, and both are IS-BAH certified.

Meridian Air Charter has one of the best safety standards in the industry. In addition to our own Safety Management System (SMS), we regularly undergo rigorous third-party audits conducted by the industry's leading vendor and international industry auditing associations. Meridian is one of only 141 operators worldwide to hold the ARG/US Platinum rating, the highest level awarded. We are also IS-BAO Stage 2 Certified and IATA TCO Approved. We maintain the Wyvern Wingman Certification, which only 103 operators currently hold worldwide.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://meridian.aero> or call us in Teterboro, NJ, at 201-288-5040, or in Hayward, CA, at 510-674-2500.

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