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### **MERIDIAN FBOs RECOGNIZED AS SAFETY 1<sup>ST</sup> CLEAN CERTIFIED** *Standard Highlights the Effective Procedures in Place at FBO facilities*

**Teterboro, NJ, July 21, 2020** – Meridian, the award-winning private aviation company, is pleased to announce that it has received Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Clean registration from the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) for both its Teterboro (TEB) and Hayward (HWD) FBO facilities. The recognition demonstrates Meridian’s commitment to following best practices and guidelines from both the NATA and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) around cleaning, disinfecting and hygiene, as well as ongoing education and training. In addition, conformance to the Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Clean standard requires that the organization have a Hazard Communication Plan in place, which Meridian already does as part of its IS-BAH accreditation.

“NATA developed the Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Clean standard to provide general guidance on facility cleaning, disinfecting and facility operations in response to the pandemic,” said Carlos Rodriguez, HWD General Manager. “While we were already aggressively following best practices and guidelines, as well as our own strict procedures, it is important that we demonstrate our conformance and commitment to the highest possible standards to our customers, employees and the public at large. Earning the Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Clean standard lets customers know they can expect the best and safest protocols when they come to Meridian.” A complete list of Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Clean FBOs is on the NATA website.

Meridian has been a participant in NATA’s overall Safety 1<sup>st</sup> program for over 20 years. While the Safety 1st program actually certifies individuals at the locations, as part of the Safety 1st Qualified location program, FBOs and ground handlers that consistently maintain their employee's training status are recognized as Safety 1<sup>st</sup> certified. Meridian is proud to be consistently rated Safety 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meridian TEB and HWD are also International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH) accredited for adherence to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and recommended practices in the preparation of handling business aircraft. The standard was designed to promote the use of industry best practices blended through a progressive Safety Management

System (SMS) for FBOs and Business Aircraft Handling Agencies. Both FBOs currently hold IS-BAH Stage 1 certification.

Achieving industry recognition offers added benefits beyond demonstrating Meridian's commitment to excellence and safety, notes Victor Rodriguez, TEB Line Service & FBO Safety Training Coordinator/Interim Line Service Manager, who spearheaded TEB's registration efforts for both IS-BAH and Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Clean. "These standards help us with the overall framework to benchmark our efforts and measure overall performance," he states. "It ensures we are following the guidelines, meeting and exceeding requirements and maintaining the highest standards."

Customers with maintenance or detailing needs can expect the same level of safety and cleanliness at the Meridian Jet Center in Teterboro. The full-service maintenance facility is an FAA Part 145 and European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) certified repair station, as well as an authorized Honeywell Service Center.

Meridian's in-house detailing team currently provides multiple layers of disinfecting and cleaning services to protect travelers as well as our own personnel. In addition to decontaminating the aircraft with our ionization unit, they also clean the entire aircraft interior by wiping down and disinfecting all areas, followed by a long-lasting anti-microbial barrier treatment. Meridian is proud to strictly adhere to comprehensive protocols as well as those outlined by the Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Clean standard.

## **About Meridian**

Meridian is an award-winning, private aviation company with Fixed Base Operator (FBO) locations at Teterboro Airport (TEB) near New York City, and Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) near San Francisco. Meridian also owns and operates an FAA-approved Part 145 Repair Station in Teterboro.

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.

Meridian Hayward has consistently received outstanding reviews from new and returning customers on popular business aviation websites. Both Meridian Teterboro and Meridian Hayward are CAA Preferred FBOs at their respective airports, and both are IS-BAH and Safety 1<sup>st</sup> certified.

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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