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***Pro Pilot* 2006 PRASE Survey shows top US FBOs to be: 1 Wilson Air Center MEM, 2 National Jets FLL, 3 Scottsdale Air Center SDL, 4 Pentastar/Million Air PTK, 5 Southern Jet RDU. Best Independent FBO: Monterey Jet Center MRJ. Best Canadian FBO: Avitat Ed Burry YQX. Best European FBO: TAG Aviation FAB Best Mexican FBO: UVAvemex TLC Top FBO chain: TAC Air.**

ALEXANDRIA VA—April 11, 2006. This year's edition of the PRASE (Preferences Regarding Aviation Services and Equipment) Survey asked readers to base their ratings on 6 categories—Line team, CSRs, Facility, Amenities, Promptness & Efficiency and Value for Cost.

Readers were invited to rank fixed based operators (FBOs) on a scale of 1 to 10 in each category, with the average determining a given facility's overall score. Lists of the top US FBOs and winners in various other service categories were based on a comparison of these overall scores. To qualify for ranking in the Best US FBO category, a facility was required to generate at least 25 votes.

Only original ballots were accepted and questionable ballots were discarded. Voting was restricted to qualified subscribers—public relations and advertising personnel were ineligible. A total of 4477 ballots were returned to ABCO Data Systems in Vienna VA by the Mar 28, 2006 cutoff date. Of these, 3899 met our acceptance criteria—an increase of 1341 over the 2005 survey.

Aviation consultancy Conklin & de Decker Associates of Arlington TX analyzed the survey results independently. To review the outcome and break any ties, *Pro Pilot* hosted 5 distinguished members of the business aviation community. This year's PRASE judges were Nationwide Insurance Aviation Department Manager Dan Wolfe, Worldwide Aviation Logistics Director Jeff Beck, Vanguard Health Management Chief Pilot Steve Lee, Valero Energy Aviation Director John White and Weyerhaeuser Chief Pilot Dean Winner.

A list of winners in the various categories follows.

# Final results of the 2006 Professional Pilot PRASE Survey

## US FBOs ranked by overall scores rating

1	Wilson Air Center <sup>7</sup>	MEM	9.23	(6)
2	National Jets <sup>4</sup>	FLL	9.22	(7)
3	Scottsdale Air Center <sup>3</sup>	SDL	9.18	(14)
4	Pentastar/Million Air <sup>5+</sup>	PTK	9.14	(1)
5	Southern Jet <sup>5+</sup>	RDU	9.13	(2)
6	Million Air <sup>4</sup>	STP	9.12	(10)
7	Million Air <sup>1</sup>	HOU	9.11	(13)
8	Monterey Jet Center <sup>3</sup>	MRY	9.10	(3)
9	Texas Jet <sup>4</sup>	DAL	9.09	(8)
10	Showalter Flying Service <sup>4</sup>	ORL	9.06	(4)
11	Avitat Boca Raton <sup>5+</sup>	BCT	9.01	*
12	Regal Aviation <sup>1</sup>	DAL	9.00	*
13	Business Jet Center <sup>4</sup>	DAL	8.97	(9)
14	Corporate Jets <sup>2</sup>	SDL	8.96	(16)
15	Denver Jet Center <sup>3</sup>	APA	8.95	(21)
16	Million Air <sup>3</sup>	MRY	8.91	(37)
17	Swift Aviation <sup>3</sup>	PHX	8.90	*
18	Jet Aviation <sup>5+</sup>	PBI	8.89	(5)
19	Raytheon Aircraft Services <sup>4</sup>	TPA	8.88	(26)
20	Panorama Flight Service <sup>3</sup>	HPN	8.87	(34)
21	Galvin Flying Service <sup>1</sup>	BFI	8.86	(30)
22	Sheltair Aviation Services <sup>3</sup>	FLL	8.83	(17)
23	Wilson Air Center <sup>7</sup>	CLT	8.81	*
24	Million Air <sup>3</sup>	SLC	8.80	(24)
25	Million Air <sup>2</sup>	ADS	8.78	(19)
26	Signature Flight Support <sup>8</sup>	BDL	8.77	*
27	Mercury Air Center <sup>3</sup>	BNA	8.76	*
28	Clay Lacy <sup>2</sup>	BFI	8.75	(33)
29	Vail Valley Jet Center <sup>3</sup>	EGE	8.74	(18)
30	San Jose Jet Center <sup>2</sup>	SJC	8.73	*
31	Atlantic Aviation <sup>3</sup>	MDW	8.70	(28)
32	Raytheon Aircraft Services <sup>4</sup>	FTY	8.69	(27)
33	Epps Aviation <sup>5+</sup>	PDK	8.67	(38)
34	Signature Flight Support <sup>8</sup>	LAS	8.65	(44)
35	Signature Flight Support <sup>5</sup>	MMU	8.64	*
36	Atlantic Aviation <sup>3</sup>	HOU	8.62	(22)
37	Flower Aviation <sup>2</sup>	SLN	8.61	(23)
38	Sun Valley Aviation <sup>5</sup>	SUN	8.60	*
39	Jet Aviation <sup>5+</sup>	TEB	8.59	(25)
40	Signature Flight Support <sup>4</sup>	MSP	8.58	(15)
41	Galaxy Aviation <sup>3</sup>	MCO	8.57	(36)
42	Flightcraft <sup>1</sup>	PDX	8.56	*
43	AirFlite <sup>5+</sup>	LGB	8.55	(11)
44	Galaxy Aviation <sup>3</sup>	PBI	8.54	(29)
45	Avitat Westchester <sup>5+</sup>	HPN	8.51	(41)
46	Signature Flight Support <sup>3</sup>	SFO	8.50	*
47	Atlantic Aviation <sup>3</sup>	SNA	8.42	(35)
48	Signature Flight Support <sup>5</sup>	TEB	8.39	(48)
49	Signature Flight Support <sup>2</sup>	PBI	8.37	(42)
50	Kaiser Air <sup>3</sup>	OAK	8.34	*

## US Independent FBOs ranked by overall scores

1	Monterey Jet Center <sup>3</sup>	MRY	9.41	(1)
2	Showalter Flying Service <sup>4</sup>	ORL	9.17	(7)
3	National Jets <sup>7</sup>	FLL	9.05	(3)
4	Texas Jet <sup>4</sup>	FTW	9.01	(2)
5	Panorama Flight Service <sup>3</sup>	HPN	8.98	*
6	McKinley Air <sup>1&amp;4</sup>	CAK	8.89	(5)
7	Beaver Lake Aviation <sup>4</sup>	ROG	8.82	(6)
8	Epps Aviation <sup>5+</sup>	PDK	8.65	(9)
9	Banyan Air Service <sup>2</sup>	FXE	8.60	(8)
10	Galvin Flying Service <sup>1</sup>	BFI	8.53	(10)

## Most Improved FBO

11	Avitat Boca Raton <sup>5+</sup>	BCT		(51)
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## US FBO Chains ranked by overall scores

1	TAC Air		8.92	*
2	Million Air		8.86	(3)
3	Jet Aviation		8.83	(4)
4	Landmark Aviation		8.30	(6)
5	Atlantic Aviation		8.26	(2)
6	Signature Flight Support		7.80	*

## Canadian FBOs ranked by overall scores

1	Avitat Ed Burry <sup>5+</sup>	YQX	9.33	(1)
2	Irving Aviation <sup>6</sup>	YQX	9.08	(2)
3	Landmark Aviation <sup>7</sup>	YYC	8.96	(10)
4	Skyservice Avitat <sup>5+</sup>	YYZ	8.87	(6)
5	Million Air <sup>3</sup>	YVR	8.82	*
6	Skyservice Avitat <sup>5+</sup>	YUL	8.70	(3)
7	Avitat Vancouver <sup>5+</sup>	YUL	8.66	(7)
8	Landmark Aviation <sup>7</sup>	YYZ	8.38	(12)
9	Skyservice Avitat <sup>5+</sup>	YYC	8.34	(11)
10	Landmark Aviation <sup>7</sup>	YVR	8.24	(9)

For US FBOs, only those named on 25 or more correctly filled-out ballots were eligible for inclusion in the final ranking. A total of 50 FBOs met this criterion. Overall rating for all 5 categories from 10 (best) to 1 (worst)

( ) denotes 2005 ranking \* did not place in 2005

## Fuel dealer code:

- 1 Air BP
- 2 AvFuel
- 3 ChevronTexaco
- 4 ConocoPhillips
- 5 ExxonMobil (+ Avitat)
- 6 Irving Oil
- 7 Shell
- 8 Non-branded