IS-BAO Background

IS-BAO – an International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations is an industry code of best practice. It has been developed by the industry for the benefit of the industry. It is the industry’s contribution to promoting highly professional operational practices. IS-BAO is intended to build upon the excellent safety record already established by business aviation.

In many business sectors, international standards are recognized for their role in facilitating global commerce. IS-BAO is similar in this respect as its fundamental purpose is to foster standardized, safe and highly professional aircraft operations. Shortly after the IS-BAO was made available to the industry, the President of the ICAO Council endorsed the efforts of the business aviation community in developing an industry ‘code of practice’.

Benefits of IS-BAO

A survey of IS-BAO registered operators indicated the following benefits of IS-BAO implementation and registration:

- Enhanced operating safety
- Team building and pride of achievement
- Efficiencies improvements in operations and/or maintenance
- Increased employee satisfaction
- Improved senior management understanding of the operation
- Reduced insurance rates
- Improved regulator understanding and confidence

Comments received from operators participating in the survey included:

- “The IS-BAO has given our flight department the framework to not only become safer but also to become better organized and more professional in all aspects of our operation”
- “Great program, challenging but well worth the effort”
- “IS-BAO will raise level of safety”
- “Great idea, lot of forethought & beta testing”
- “Outstanding program to achieve excellence in Business aviation”
- “Beneficial to any flight department”
- “Useful program places safety of flight issues up front”
- “The information that comes in the package is very useful in the implementation process”
- “IS-BAO Auditors have brought a high level of professionalism and consistency to the IS-BAO audit process”
- “It is the best thing to ever happen to business aviation”

For further information on the IS-BAO see the website at http://www.ibac.org/is_bao.