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IBAC To Offer Renewed IS-BAO Workshop Format in 2024 Initial and Recurrent Special Advance Booking During NBAA-BACE

NBAA-BACE 2023 -- The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) operator safety programme, the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operators (IS-BAO) has restructured its training curriculum to a new initial and recurrent format for operators, auditors, and programme support affiliates.

The IS-BAO programme is a globally recognized voluntary safety standard and was first launched in 2002. Operators worldwide have adopted the IS-BAO standard since its inception, and the fundamentals and auditing workshops have always been an essential step to achieving this safety accreditation through the three stages.

“This new format is an evolution of our traditional workshops and aligns with other initial and recurrent training programmes that operators are accustomed to,” said Andrew Karas, IS-BAO Programme Director. “We listened to these operators and auditors and restructured the syllabus to save them time, minimize repetitiveness, and offer a more tailored and richer recurrent course that includes current hot topic safety issues and protocols that affect us all.”

The initial workshop is required for at least one operator company representative when initiating a new IS-BAO registration or for anyone seeking to receive new IS-BAO auditor or programme support affiliate (PSA) accreditation. It is also recommended that new safety officers attend the initial course. In addition to the 12-hour virtual curriculum, initial workshop attendees will have access to the new [IS-BAO Protocol Standardization \(IPS\)](#) online course for one year. IPS was launched last year in partnership with Aviation Safety Solutions and uses a step-by-step intuitive approach to review each IS-BAO section, accompanied by explanations for every protocol requirement. The IPS course is an optional resource for operators, whereas new auditors and PSA accreditations require IPS course completion.

The new IS-BAO recurrent is a six-hour virtual instructor-led course that will review of updates to the Audit Procedures Manual (APM) and IS-BAO protocols, as well as hot topics and audit processes.

Katherine Hilst, IS-BAO Operations Manager and workshop lead, commented, “I am excited about the new format and know that the attendees will appreciate the fresh approach we’ve taken to delivering the material in a timely manner. In addition, keep in mind we can bring these courses to your operation as a live and in-person option with adequate notice.”

Visit IBAC and the IS-BAO team at NBAA-BACE, booth #N2331, and ask about the show special for these new IS-BAO initial and recurrent workshops beginning Q1 2024.

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About International Business Aviation Council (IBAC)

IBAC represents the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with official observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN Specialized Agency for aviation matters, in Montreal, Canada. IBAC promotes and manages the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO); International Standard for Business Aviation Handling (IS-BAH); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Crew Card. Recently introduced in partnership with CTX, the IBAC Carbon Credit Exchange provides the business aviation community with a reliable resource for real-time offsetting to reduce its carbon footprint. More details at www.ibac.org

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