Clay Lacy Aviation Line Service Technicians Complete Gulfstream Ground Handling Training Program

*FBO Teams Train Ground Handling and Servicing for Improved Safety and Dispatch Reliability*

(Los Angeles—February 6, 2024) More than 60 Clay Lacy Aviation line service technicians have completed Gulfstream-authorized ground handling and service training for Gulfstream aircraft. The specialized training developed by Gulfstream Aerospace and FlightSafety International is designed to improve dispatch reliability and increase safety.

Sixty-six technicians across Clay Lacy Aviation’s fixed-base operations (FBOs) in Van Nuys and Orange County have completed the courses, with training for its technicians at its [Waterbury-Oxford, Connecticut, FBO opening later this year](https://www.claylacy.com/contact-us/locations/waterbury-oxford-airport-koxc/) to follow.

“Comprehensive training demonstrates Clay Lacy Aviation’s commitment to providing a legendary experience and safety-focused culture at our FBOs,” said Buddy Blackburn, Senior Vice President of FBO Services. “When our newest FBO opens this year in Connecticut, our technicians will be similarly trained, to ensure that continuity of excellence that is expected will be delivered throughout all of our properties.”

The Gulfstream-FlightSafety program features explanations and demonstrations of best practices for handling and servicing the full range of Gulfstream aircraft. It includes parking, walkarounds, fueling, towing, snow and ice removal, among others. The training helps identify and mitigate risks to people and aircraft on the ramp.

The training continues Clay Lacy Aviation’s company-wide approach to a culture of safety promotion, as recently demonstrated by its validation that placed [Clay Lacy in the top 2% of Part 135 operators in the United States to complete the FAA SMS Voluntary Program](https://www.claylacy.com/company/news-views/corporate/faa-validates-clay-lacy-aviations-sms-program-in-top-2-nationally/).

Clay Lacy Aviation currently operates two FBOs – part of World Fuel’s [Air Elite](https://www.airelitenetwork.com/) and [Paragon Aviation Group](https://www.paragonaviationgroup.com/) networks, the largest network of independent FBOs in the world – with experienced teams at Van Nuys Airport (KVNY) and John Wayne Orange County Airport (KSNA). Its first FBO in the Northeast is scheduled to open this year at Waterbury-Oxford Airport (KOXC) in Oxford, Connecticut. All Clay Lacy FBOs provide sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), utilize renewable energy, provide composting and recycling waste management systems, and have been certified facilities neutral by 4Air.aero since 2019.

Its Waterbury-Oxford FBO is ideally located between the New York and Boston metro areas and will feature 120,000 square feet of hangar capacity, 15,000 square feet of FBO and office. Hangar space is going fast with a few spots still available.  
  
The hangars are designed and built to accommodate today’s largest and most modern business jets, including the Gulfstream G700, Global 7500 and Falcon 10X, with 29-foot hangar doors, enhanced amenities and covered automobile parking.

**About Clay Lacy Aviation**

Founded in 1968 by legendary aviator and industry pioneer Clay Lacy. Today, Clay Lacy Aviation is the world’s most experienced operator of private jets. Prominent individuals and leading corporations trust Clay Lacy for aircraft management, charter, maintenance, avionics, interiors and FBO services. The company has aircraft operations and regional offices across the U.S., including full-service FBOs at Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles, and Orange County’s John Wayne Airport, with a third FBO opening at Waterbury-Oxford Airport in 2024. Clay Lacy also has FAA Part 145 aircraft maintenance centers in Los Angeles and Oxford, Connecticut. With the most knowledgeable team in the industry, Clay Lacy delivers superior safety, service and value to aircraft owners and jet travelers worldwide. Visit [claylacy.com](https://www.claylacy.com/)

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