



News Release

For immediate Release: 4/28/2008

NBC Media Contact:	Donald R. Swain	Shanna R. Sims
	National Business Center	National Business Center
	Phone: (202) 219-0259	Phone: (703) 390-6616
	Fax: (202) 208-7894	Fax: (703) 390-6780

Interior's National Business Center awarded the Interagency Committee for Aviation Policy "Gold Standard" Certification

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior's shared service center, the National Business Center's Aviation Management Directorate (AMD) received the Interagency Committee for Aviation Policy's (ICAP) Gold Standard Certification for the Federal Aviation Administration's Aviation System Standards on April 11, 2008. Attainment of this coveted certification signifies that an agency has committed to achieving excellence in aviation safety as a result of the adoption of aviation industry "best practices."

"As a shared services provider of aviation management, the National Business Center's Aviation Management team is committed to the principles embodied in the Gold Standard program. This prestigious Federal certification recognizes both our current successes and our future commitment to continuous improvement in the safe, effective, and efficient use of Government aviation assets," said Mark Bathrick, the Associate Director of AMD. The Gold Standard Certificate Program goes beyond the requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations for Part 91 and Part 135 operations by establishing a safety and operational benchmark for Federal agencies that is based on Federal Management Regulations written specifically for Federal agency aviation operations.

"I am proud of the NBC/AMD and the DOI Aviation Program for receiving the Aviation Gold Standard Certification. It recognizes our commitment to management excellence of government aircraft. It is an honor to be recognized as a leading aviation shared services provider within the Federal Government."

Douglas J. Bourgeois
Director
National Business Center



News Release

About the ICAP's Safety Standards Guidelines: These guidelines provide Federal agencies that own and/or operate aircraft with a framework for developing their own comprehensive flight program standards in order to enhance operational safety and effectiveness.

About the ICAP Federal Aviation Gold Standard: The Gold Standard is a voluntary program where the General Services Administration and ICAP recognize those agencies that have made a commitment to aviation safety by adopting the Safety Standards and Guidelines established by GSA and the ICAP. The award of this certificate recognizes NBC/AMD and the DOI Aviation Program for adherence to the standards and guidance.

The primary objective of the ICAP Federal Aviation Gold Standard program is to be a catalyst for positive change in the aviation safety cultures of the Federal agencies that own and/or operate aircraft.

About the NBC - Quality customer service, innovation, and best value are the cornerstones of the NBC. For over 30 years, the NBC has been supporting Federal government agencies as a Shared Service provider, establishing world class business management systems and services. NBC's portfolio of services include: Budget and Finance systems and services, Human Resources and Payroll services, Training Services, Acquisition Services, Appraisal Services, Aviation Management Services, Information Technology Services, as well as Administrative Support Services to include Drug and Alcohol Testing. Our workforce of dedicated professionals with unsurpassed knowledge of Federal business practices, along with our ability to leverage government and commercial best practices, allows us to service our customer base of more than 150 government agencies. For additional information about the NBC see,

<http://www.nbc.gov/organization.html>