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## Air Elite<sup>®</sup> Network Welcomes Clay Lacy Aviation Iconic, Award-Winning Operations in Seattle and Van Nuys Sign at NBAA

**Las Vegas, NV** (November 18, 2015) – With the backdrop of the National Business Aviation Association Convention and Exhibition (NBAA 2015), World Fuel Services has announced that Clay Lacy Aviation locations at both Boeing Field/King County International Airport (KBFI) in Seattle, Washington and Van Nuys Airport (KVNY) in Los Angeles, California have signed with the Air Elite<sup>®</sup> Network, growing the membership to a total of 51 Diamond Service FBOs worldwide. Both locations will be Ascent branded locations within the network.

Founded in 1968 by an aviation legend, Clay Lacy Aviation established the first private jet management and charter company west of the Mississippi. Then in 1981, the company opened the first all-jet FBO at Los Angeles' Van Nuys Airport followed by a second FBO in 2008 at Seattle's historic Boeing Field. Today, these FBO's set the standard for private aviation services worldwide, offering a comprehensive suite of aviation services to business & general aviation customers including:

- FBO Services
- Private Jet Charter
- Aircraft Management
- Maintenance
- Avionics & Cabin Entertainment
- Interior Completions
- Sales & Acquisitions
- Aerial Cinematography

Both locations offer 24/7 quick turn service, U.S. Customs points of entry, and drive-up, planeside access for ground transportation.

"We are excited to join Air Elite's worldwide network of uniquely exceptional FBOs. The company's global resources and expert team of professionals provide us the best tools and resources to continually enhance the FBO experience for passengers and their crewmembers," said Brian Kirkdoffer, Clay Lacy Aviation's President & CEO.

Clay Lacy Aviation's Van Nuys location is currently undergoing a significant expansion and improvement project with the addition of an adjacent 6-acre South Campus development and upgrade to existing facilities. With a projected completion in spring 2016, Clay Lacy's new South Campus will feature 63,000 square-feet of hangar space, 21,000 square-feet of premium, full-service office space, and 3.5 acres of additional ramp area.

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“For decades, Clay Lacy Aviation has set the standard for what a full-service FBO should be,” said John Rau, World Fuel Services’ Executive Vice President of Aviation. “The company’s collection of awards and accolades is a testament to Clay Lacy’s commitment to providing ‘customer-centric’ service, while striving to be the best at the many services they offer to the flying public. Air Elite and World Fuel Services welcome Clay Lacy Aviation with great enthusiasm.”

With this welcomed membership growth, the network has now surpassed its goal of 50 members within 2015. Steady growth goals have been set for the future expansion of the network, with many additional FBO operators currently in discussions with World Fuel Services to join the network in late 2015 or early 2016.

The Air Elite Network is comprised of 51 uniquely exceptional diamond service locations worldwide and continues to grow steadily. The network was established in late 2011 and each FBO must meet a number of airport, facility and service quality standards in order to qualify for membership.

### **About Air Elite®**

Air Elite® is a global network of uniquely exceptional FBOs. The premier network of Diamond Service locations is strategically positioned around the world. The comfort of consistency is delivered through elevated facility standards and benchmarking The Ritz-Carlton philosophy on customer service. Air Elite offers customers the pleasure of variety with the local expertise and regional nuances of independently owned FBOs. [www.AirEliteNetwork.com](http://www.AirEliteNetwork.com)

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### **About World Fuel Services Corporation**

Headquartered in Miami, Florida, World Fuel Services is a global fuel logistics, transaction and payment processing company, principally engaged in the distribution of fuel and related products and services in the aviation, marine and land transportation industries. World Fuel Services sells fuel and delivers services to its clients at more than 8,000 locations in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide.

The company's global team of market makers provides deep domain expertise in all aspects of aviation, marine and land fuel management. Aviation customers include commercial airlines, cargo carriers, private aircraft and fixed base operators (FBOs), as well as the United States and foreign governments. World Fuel Services' marine customers include international container and tanker fleets, cruise lines and time-charter operators, as well as the United States and foreign governments. Land customers include petroleum distributors, retail petroleum operators, and industrial, commercial, and government accounts. The company also offers transaction management services which consist of card payment solutions and merchant processing services to customers in the aviation, marine and land transportation industries. For more information, call 305-428-8000 or visit [www.wfscorp.com](http://www.wfscorp.com).

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