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J.A. Air Center Joins the Air Elite Network First Location in Chicago Expands Air Elite Network to 79 Locations Worldwide

April 2, 2018 – HOUSTON – World Fuel Services (WFS) announced today that J.A. Air Center in Sugar Grove, Illinois has joined the Air Elite Network.

J.A. Air Center is based at Aurora Municipal Airport (KARR), approximately 45 miles west of Chicago's city center. Located just outside O'Hare International Airport's airspace, J.A. Air Center offers direct access to the tollway as well as first-class service and unmatched convenience for operators and passengers. The independently owned FBO has been Voted #1 FBO in the Chicago Metro region in the AIN Americas survey multiple times and ranked in the top 5% of FBOs in the Americas.

"We are excited to partner with World Fuel Services and to be selected as a member of the Air Elite Network. We look forward to taking our customer service to an even higher level with the Ritz-Carlton training and to leveraging the many benefits that are provided with network membership," said Randy Fank, J.A. Air Center's FBO Operations Manager. "We're proud to be the network's first Chicagoland FBO. Our facility has direct access to the tollway, with only one stop light between us and downtown Chicago. 'Closer isn't quicker' has been our motto since moving to the Aurora Airport in 2008. This unique location offers operators the most convenient access to the city when compared to DuPage or Midway airports."

J.A. Air Center boasts an 11,000 square foot terminal facility, 100,000 square feet of heated hangar space (capable of housing a G650), and a 20,000 square foot arrival canopy to protect customers from the Chicago elements. Crew amenities include a workout room with showers, snooze rooms, courtesy cars, and a pilot's lounge including a pool table. Courtesy of their partnership with the exclusive Rich Harvest Farms private golf and country club located nearby, the lobby hosts a rotating display of vintage cars provided by the country club, making every visit to J.A. Air Center a unique and memorable one.

Since opening its doors as an avionics shop in 1965, J.A. Air Center has evolved into one of the largest independent FBOs in the country. A one-stop shop for aviation needs, they offer avionics, maintenance, brokerage, interiors, detailing, parts, flight training, and charter solutions.

“We are pleased to welcome J.A. Air Center to the Air Elite Network as our first Chicago area FBO,” said Steve Drzymalla, SVP, Business Aviation Bulk Fuel at World Fuel Services. “The team at J.A. Air Center has built an exemplary reputation through their efforts, and the industry consistently recognizes this in the results of the AIN annual survey. We are proud to partner with this first-class FBO.”

Established in 2011, the Air Elite Network has grown to 79 Diamond Service Locations worldwide. Each FBO member must meet a number of airport, facility, and service quality standards to qualify for membership. Aircraft operators utilizing the Air Elite Network benefit from a consistently high level of service and enhanced FlyBuys™ Rewards when using AVCARD® and World Fuel Contract Fuel.

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 customer service. Air Elite offers customers the pleasure of variety with the local expertise and regional nuances of independently owned FBOs. www.AirEliteNetwork.com

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