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With over 130 technicians specialising in everything from interior completions to maintenance, avionics and paint work, Texas-based Jet Works Air Center offers a one-stop shop for clients

Jet Works Air Center (JWAC) is a large MRO company based 35 miles northwest of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Texas, USA. The company offers interior refurbishment, VIP completion, maintenance, avionics and paint work on Gulfstream, Lear, Boeing, Global, Challenger, Citation, Piaggio and Pilatus business aircraft. All work is done under FAA certificate CRS: JW0R647N.

While JWAC as a brand has only been in existence since 2004, the components merged to create it have 15 years of interior, paint, maintenance and avionics experience. The company currently operates out of over 100,000ft<sup>2</sup> of hangar and office space at Denton Municipal Airport and employs approximately 175 people, including more than 130 technicians.

During 2010, JWAC delivered – following extensive interior refurbishment – four Boeing airliner business jets (one Boeing 737, three BBJs) to owners headquartered in the Middle East. And in December 2010, the company announced it had been awarded a contract by a Saudi businessman to convert an MD-87 airliner into a private jet that will accommodate 24 passengers.

JWAC says the MD-87 will feature a luxurious and contemporary cabin with a leading-edge entertainment system. Trey Bryson, president and CEO at JWAC, adds that one of the major features of the interior will be its capabilities in terms of WiFi, internet access and communications, with virtually all contemporary formats included.

Bryson also says that the large VIP cabin interiors completion business was very strong over the past 12 months. "In tight economic conditions, aircraft owners have come to realise that a cabin refurbishment with new lighting, audio and video system, internet access system, fabrics, leathers, carpet, window treatments and expanded

galley capability instantly make their aircraft like a factory-new aircraft, without having to invest many millions more in a new airframe," says Bryson. "JWAC's reputation for quality work at a reasonable price and delivered on time has caused the company's revenues to double in just less than five years."

JWAC's resources include a custom cabinetry facility, a finishing and upholstery facility and in-house design and engineering services. For instance, the company holds in excess of 300 STCs for cabin interior installation and refurbishment work.

As the company also offers extensive maintenance, avionics and paint capability, it can be a 'one-stop shop' for clients, with maintenance inspections (including Boeing C checks) carried out at the same time as the interior is completed.

"For avionics, if you don't offer WiFi, internet, cabin communications, premium-quality entertainment systems and 'just like my office' capabilities, you are no longer in the avionics business," says Bryson. "Fortunately, we have some geeks who are really good at that. We still do glass cockpit upgrades, but virtually every upgrade we do now incorporates cabin electronics."

JWAC's paint facility is probably its best-known asset. The EPA-approved hangar features climate control to create the ideal humidity and temperature during paint prep, application and finishing. The 14,000ft<sup>2</sup> facility can accommodate aircraft as large as a Gulfstream IV.

Accompanying Bryson to host JWAC's booth at EBACE 2011 will be Marc Johnson, JWAC's new director of VIP completions, who recently joined the company after eight years of managing VIP completions for various clients.

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