

## Press Release

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# **Business Jet Center is First D/FW Area FBO Authorized as a Gateway to Ronald Reagan Washington National**

Approval Lifts Five Year General Aviation Ban Established After 9-11-2001

**August 16, 2006, Love Field, Dallas, TX...**Business Jet Center, a Love Field fixed base operation (FBO), has been authorized as the first Dallas-Fort Worth area Gateway Station for general aviation flights into and out of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). The authorization, which virtually eliminates a five year ban dating back to September 11, 2001, was issued by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Not since the 9-11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon has there been a general aviation flight allowed to land at Reagan National originating from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Once a very active general aviation airport, DCA handled 44,592 general aviation flights in 2000, an average of 122 a day.

“This authorization ends a long dry spell where general aviation flights from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex to Reagan National were simply not allowed,” said Stephanie Jordan, General Manager, Business Jet Center. “This paves the way us to work with qualified business aircraft operators as well as qualified FAA Part 135 charter operators to once again have access to a very important airport in the Washington, D.C. area.”

Jordan said in order to become an authorized gateway, Business Jet Center had to meet specific requirements as set forth by the federally mandated DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP). These requirements address both procedural and safety standards including the designation of an area within the FBO specifically for processing and screening both the passengers and the crew members of the flight which must depart from BJC and go directly to DCA without any stops.

“In addition to our own facility requirements, the company or charter provider that operates the aircraft must also be authorized to land at DCA. For each flight a background check is made on all crew members and passengers. Then they must apply to the FAA for a reservation and then to the TSA for authorization,” Jordan explained. “Also, they must have on board a TSA approved armed security officer.”

Business Jet Access, an affiliated company with BJC, is presently the only Part 135 charter operator in the D/FW area authorized by the TSA to operate charter flights into and out of DCA.

Currently, Dallas Love Field is the only airport in the metroplex that has been designated as a DCA authorized gateway airport and Business Jet Center is the only authorized gateway FBO. In total, there are 15 airports nationally that have been approved as DCA gateway airports with Houston’s Hobby as the only other Texas airport.

For more information on flights to and from Business Jet Center and Reagan National, please call 214-654-1600.

#### **About Business Jet Center and Business Jet Access**

Business Jet Center (BJC) is a full-service fixed base operator (FBO) with strategic locations at Love Field (DAL), Dallas, TX and Oakland International Airport (OAK), Oakland, CA. Services include fuel, line service, catering, hangars, concierge and auto rental. Terminal services include customer and pilot lounges, flight planning services, conference rooms and wireless internet.

BJC is affiliated with Business Jet Access (BJA), a leading provider of aircraft charter, management, maintenance and pilot services. Both BJA and BJC are based at Love Field, Dallas, TX and are located at 8611 Lemmon Ave.

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