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## **IBAC and Unmanned Safety Institute Launch Auditor RPAS Accreditation Course - Now Open For Enrollment**

**December 06, 2022 -- Montreal** – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) and Unmanned Safety Institute (USI) have opened enrollment to the new International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Training course.

As part of the RPAS auditor accreditation process, qualified IS-BAO auditors wanting to expand their qualifications within the rapidly growing RPAS segment are required to successfully complete the new USI online course that is now available at <https://usi.matrixlms.com/ibac>.

As the recognized leader in UAS flight safety solutions, training, and certifications, USI has tailored this course to provide auditors RPAS training necessary to perform audits on operators of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems in primary non-complex, Visual Line of Sight Operations. Subsequent courses and requirements are in development for large-scale global adoption of commercial regulations for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) regulations.

“Professionally trained and credentialed auditors are critical to the assessment of new and existing RPAS programmes,” commented IS-BAO Programme Director Andrew Karas. “We announced our partnership with Unmanned Safety Institute earlier this year for this auditor course credential because of their leadership and seven years experience in educating, training, and supporting RPAS organizations.”

Josh Olds, USI’s President and CEO said, “IBAC’s IS-BAO and IS-BAH programs have undoubtedly added significant value to Business Aviation’s outstanding safety record over the past 20 years. Their keen recognition of RPAS as an extension of Business Aviation and their commitment to adapt the IS-BAO programme to evolving RPAS operations is bolstering a safer airspace internationally for future innovation.”

In addition, USI and IBAC look forward to expanding this educational program to UAS program managers looking to increase their understanding of safe operations and evolve their company safety culture.

### **About International Business Aviation Council (IBAC)**

IBAC represents the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with official observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN Specialized Agency for aviation matters, in Montreal, Canada. IBAC promotes and manages

the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO™); International Standard for Business Aviation Handling (IS-BAH™); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Aircrew Identification Card. Recently introduced in partnership with CTX, the IBAC Carbon Credit Exchange provides the business aviation community a reliable resource for real-time offsetting to reduce its carbon footprint. More details at [www.ibac.org](http://www.ibac.org)

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### **About Unmanned Safety Institute**

Unmanned Safety Institute (USI) is the industry's most widely recognized leader in flight safety solutions for individuals, academia and organizations focused on integrating and operating UAS for civil or commercial purposes. Unmanned Safety Institute provides UAS flight safety training and certification to operational standards based on the adoption and modification of time-honored aviation safety practices. With more than 300 instructors and over 15,000 USI Certifications awarded around the world, USI works with large commercial enterprises and nearly 500 schools in all 50 states. USI is the global leader in commercial and academic UAS training and certification, delivering the most highly regarded training program of its kind. Programs include the Small UAS & Advanced Safety Certifications, Visual Line of Sight Systems Operations™ (VSO) and Professional Remote Operator™ (PRO) certifications and Unmanned Connect™ workforce development initiative. USI's training and certification programs are endorsed by major aviation insurance providers, widely utilized in current BVLOS operations, and implemented nationwide as a workforce pathway program from secondary or post-secondary to the career field to align skillsets to industry pay scales. Discover more at [www.UnmannedSafetyInstitute.org](http://www.UnmannedSafetyInstitute.org).

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