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*Key Papillon staff proudly showcase recent awards and accolades for their ongoing commitment to safety and maintenance.*

*From L to R: Lon Halvorson, executive vice president, Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters; Raymond Kendall, 145 accountable manager, Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters; Alan McKinney, principal maintenance inspector, Department of Transportation, FAA; Luis Garcia, director of maintenance, Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters and Brenda Halvorson, chief executive officer, Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters.  
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## **PAPILLON GRAND CANYON HELICOPTERS WINS PRESTIGIOUS INDUSTRY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MAINTENANCE, SAFETY**

**LAS VEGAS (April 2021)** – Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters, the world’s largest and longest-running helicopter tour company, is the recipient of two Diamond Awards from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for excellence in maintenance and compliance.

Founded in 1991, the FAA Diamond Awards are considered the highest industry honors within the [William O’Brien Aviation Maintenance Technician \(AMT\) Awards program](#). The first AMT Diamond Award of Excellence was for the [135 Air Carrier and Operation Certificate](#). Air carriers achieve this status by ensuring 100 percent of their certificated aviation technicians receive William (Bill) O’Brien Awards for various areas and disciplines. The second AMT Diamond Award of Excellence was given for Papillon’s FAA [145 Certified Repair Station](#), which is a maintenance facility that has an FAA certificate issued under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 145 and is engaged in the maintenance, preventive maintenance, inspection and alteration of aircraft and aircraft products.



In addition to this year's Diamond Awards, Papillon continues to be the only aerial tour company serving Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon to achieve the [IS-BAO \(International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations\) Stage Three designation](#). Granted by the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), this accolade recognizes Papillon for achieving the highest level of compliance within IBAC's standard of best practices for aviation operations. IBAC granted Papillon the prestigious designation following a rigorous, multi-year audit of its safety practices, safety reporting, dedication to ongoing improvement and overall safety-oriented company culture. Out of more than 6,000 eligible companies worldwide, only 280 aviation companies have achieved this progressive Stage Three designation.

"It is an honor to continue to receive these industry awards and recognition. We have an incredible team who deserves to be recognized for their extraordinary dedication to our customers' safety while consistently exceeding industry standards for maintenance and compliance," concludes Brenda Halvorson, chief executive officer, Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters.

#### **ABOUT PAPILLON GRAND CANYON HELICOPTERS**

Founded in 1965, Papillon (French for "butterfly") Grand Canyon Helicopters is the world's largest and longest-running helicopter tour company with more than 500,000 passengers served annually on more than 50 state-of-the-art, quiet helicopters. Papillon is the only helicopter tour company that flies the entire length of the Grand Canyon with bases in Las Vegas; Boulder City, Nevada; Grand Canyon West; Grand Canyon National Park and Page, Arizona. For more information, go to [www.Papillon.com](http://www.Papillon.com) or call (702) 736-7243 and follow [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). (#IFlyPapillon). For downloadable high-res photos and videos, [click here](#).

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