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Vacant Army Hanger transformed into award-winning 24hour full service Fixed Base Operation

It is hard to believe that a once vacant Army National Guard hangar is now a world-class 72,000 square foot facility that offers every amenity imaginable 24/7, including a well-appointed passenger lounge with an atrium, a coffee bar and a green roof with an observation deck with spectacular views of Vermont's Green Mountains. Heritage Aviation (KBTW) caters to aircraft owners, their passengers and pilots and serves each of their individual needs so everyone feels taken care of. The pilots have a spacious lounge with a cinema, snooze rooms, fitness center, hangar space, free coffee, and Wi-Fi, to name just a few. "Heritage Aviation is one of the best FBO's that I've been to...I was treated like royalty," raves one customer.

Heritage cares deeply about prompt friendly service and the environment. So when Christopher Hill, President of Heritage Aviation, decided to retrofit the 1950's building and add on to it, his team worked with TruexCullins Architecture and Interior Design, a firm known for its green building practices, to develop an eco-friendly design without sacrificing the four-star service and amenities. "We are tremendously proud of our new FBO, from the hangar that needs little to no electrical lighting during daytime shifts, to the LEKTRO tugs that provide exceptionally safe aircraft handling while still minimizing our carbon footprint," said Heritage Aviation President, Chris Hill. "This new facility is

also a great way to celebrate our sister company, Heritage Flight, and their 25 years providing charter flight services.”

Working closely with Heritage, the design team at TruexCullins developed a plan for a complete renovation of the building as well as two additions, one an expansion toward the runway that includes a two-story passenger lobby with views to the airport, and the Vermont landscape, through a two-story glass window. Heritage also offers avionics, maintenance, detailing and aircraft management services. Its maintenance department earned the FAA Diamond award and the Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) has recognized the avionics division for excellence. For ground handling, detailing, fueling, hangar space and to request line services, Heritage Aviation is the area's largest and most luxurious FBO with U.S. customs located conveniently on site.

During the renovation, the exposed structure of the hanger was outfitted with a high-performance exterior envelope including insulated metal panels, thermally efficient windows and a new high-insulation-value roof. Multiple large-format skylights and extensive glass at the upper areas of the hanger walls introduce natural sunlight to the interior of the hanger space. The interior changes included new stairs and elevators, energy efficient heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems and utilized sustainable and regionally sourced interior finishes and state-of-the art LED lighting.

TruexCullins’ design of the new Heritage Aviation facility at the Burlington International Airport recently received two awards, the Burlington Business Association’s, Hertzels Pasackow Award for “Excellence in Architecture,” as well as the “Best of the Best Award by in Commercial Building Design

and Construction” at the 2010 Better Buildings by Design Conference from Efficiency Vermont. In addition, this international gateway project is slated to become LEED Silver certified.

About Heritage Aviation

Heritage Aviation, the new 24-hour general aviation facility at the Burlington International Airport provides ground handling, fueling, and other aviation support services to transient and locally based domestic and international aircraft. Their location is ideally situated for inbound and outbound international traffic with on-site US Customs. More information about the company can be found on their website: www.HeritageFBO.com.

Heritage Aviation’s sister company, Heritage Flight, is an FAA-certified repair station providing aircraft maintenance and avionics services to the general aviation community. Heritage Flight also operates aircraft globally and is one of the nation’s premier aircraft charter and management companies. More information about the company can be found on their websites: www.flyheritage.com.

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