

Territory Aviation Skills Centre (TASC)

History

TASC is an industry lead initiative and is born out of an industry awareness that advanced workforce skills in a post COVID global aviation sector will be in critically short supply.

The growing needs of the Aerospace industry that is demanding more capability than the Territory is able to service – particularly for training for Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and Avionics as well as the growing demand for STEM skills (see the Northern Territory Aviation Academy Report 2020, Deloitte and ISACNT.)

Goals

TASC was established to provide:

- Local, National and International training solutions.
 - Facilitating interstate RTOs to deliver economically within the Territory.
 - Prioritise local RTOs services, or establish MOUs, or service contracts to ensure delivery.
 - Provide suitable accredited locations for training.
 - Secure premises on the airport precinct with airside access
 - Provide sufficient facilities for multiple training outcomes, including video links, non-flying aircraft, workshop facilities etc.
- Networking and coordination of business partners
- Industry advocacy and representation
- Business and Consultancy Services

Industry Support

TASC has broad industry membership. This includes the major regional airport operators as well as strong representation from airport management and the Chamber NT. The Chamber NT connection gives TASC the ability to provide a large array of business support services and strengthens TASC advocacy to both the NT and Federal Government.

TASC works for the broader aviation industry and the supporting industry service companies. Another advantage of TASC is its capability to provide cross support for Advanced Manufacturing within the Northern Territory.

TASC gives the industry the opportunity to achieve greater skills capacity and business capability - preparing businesses together for a greater market, not just a greater market share.

BENIFITS of TASC

TASC is reflective of the Northern Territory's approach to large projects; we are industrious, innovative, and collaborative –

TASC represents the collaborative approach, with outcomes that are linked closely with the growing NT logistics market, and the NT Manufacturing Industry as a whole. TASC is a key enabler for NT economic growth.

ACTIVITY

TASC has training delivery agreements with Aviation Australia, the only Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) approved training organisation in Australia. TASC is also working closely with other interstate providers to broaden the scope of NT based training delivery. Additionally, TASC is working with international vendors to provide potential locations and assistance for extensive vendor-based training, in a local context and location.

In addition to developments in the workforce skilling space, there is a direct relationship in importance to its current and future NT investment activities. Currently there are multiple commercial entities engaging with TASC as a component of their feasibility components within the NT.

Significant engagement has occurred in the National RTO market to identify key stakeholders. These stakeholders have interest in and are willing to participate with the delivery of specific qualifications and skills within the expanding Aviation, Aerospace and Space sectors. Our current listing of RTO expressions of interest to partner with TASC in local workforce skills development is attached. This highlights the substantial levels of interest in TASC.

TASC's Strategic Plans

TASC has enjoyed support from Industry, with some significant donations, and in-kind assistance.

TASC has submitted proposals to the Northern Territory Government for a Hangar Complex from which to host different Registered Training Organisations involved with locally based training. These proposals have met with broad agreement but are not yet fully finalised. The Hangars are currently being utilised by TASC on a lease arrangement.

The current efforts to acquire hangars reflects TASC's priority for Engineer training.

The next significant strategic phase for TASC and Chamber of Commerce is to enable localised flight crew currency and training.

Local Territory based Cabin crew training has been established, with the assistance of a donation of several Embraer 120 Fuselages, and further local industry support. The provision of this in a local context has proven very helpful for the local regional airlines, who have been restricted by both interstate training costs and COVID restrictions.

Pilot training, and in particular, type ratings and currency, are identified as significant priorities for Industry. This is for both the current COVID environment and the mid-term post COVID period. The lack of ability to travel internationally, has severely hampered the regional aviation industry. This travel restriction has highlighted the dependence of Australian Aviation, using mid-sized RPT aircraft on internationally based simulators.

An Australian Flight Simulator base is both essential for post COVID surety of regional operations, but also presents a significant long-term opportunity to move Australia from a consumer to a provider of global flight training for regional sized aircraft.

TASC requires financial assistance to establish such an Australian Flight Simulation base for mid-sized aircraft.

Summary

TASC..

- Is supported by Industry,
- Is supported by the Territory Government,
- Has a strong record on delivery of stated goals
- Is responsive to Australian Aviation needs, both current and future.
- Is not partisan to any company, RTO or individual.
- Is backed by the professional services of Chamber of Commerce NT.
- Is ideally positioned to develop Asian markets for Australian training.

TASC is the North Australian Aviation Industry already preparing for a post pandemic operational environment.

TASC will be seeking national support to increase its' service to Australian Aviation with the priority on regional airlines, both Regular Public Transport (RPT) and Charter.