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## **FRENCH DASSAULT FALCON JET COMPLETES NEW EXPANSION IN LITTLE ROCK (USA)**

### **LITTLE ROCK COMPLETION CENTER**

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**USPA NEWS** - French Dassault Falcon Jet has completed another major expansion of its Little Rock Completion Center that will add 350,000 square feet of production space to the Arkansas facility. The centerpiece of the \$60 million project is a new 250,000 square foot hangar earmarked for Dassault's latest...

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The new completion hangar will bring the total facility footprint to 1.25 million square feet. The expansion also includes refurbishment of cabinet, upholstery and headliner shops and an upgrade to older hangars.

The grand opening ceremony was attended by Little Rock Mayor, Mark Stodola, Bill and Hillary Clinton Airport Commissioner, Stacy Hurst and Danny Games, Deputy Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. The guests were welcomed by Dassault Aviation Chairman and CEO, Eric Trappier, Chief Operating Officer, Loik Segalen, and Dassault Falcon Jet President and CEO, John Rosanvallon.

The new expansion follows a \$20 million 116,000 square foot upgrade in 2008 that added four new state-of-the-art paint bays, along with new production, design and warehouse space, to accommodate the popular very long range Falcon 7X. Today, Dassault Falcon Jet employs 1,850 people at the facility.

In 2010, Dassault Falcon Jet received approval from the FAA for the use of 3D data during the completion process, making it the first OEM to receive approval for both 3D type design and completion. In addition to enhancing quality, 3D completion provides an opportunity for the customer to visualize the final configuration of the aircraft.

The history of the Little Rock facility dates back to 1975. In that year, Falcon Jet Corp., then a Dassault Aviation/Pan American Airways joint venture, purchased Little Rock Airmotive, a 61,500 square foot hangar and office facility, and integrated it into its global production line.

Dassault Falcon is the recognized global brand for Dassault business jets which are designed, manufactured and supported by Dassault Aviation and Dassault Falcon Jet Corp.

Dassault Aviation is a leading aerospace company with a presence in over 90 countries across five continents. It produces the Rafale fighter jet as well as the complete line of Falcons. The company employs a workforce of over 11,000 and has assembly and production plants in both France and the United States and service facilities around the globe.

Dassault Falcon Jet Corp. is a wholly owned U.S. subsidiary of Dassault Aviation, France. Dassault Falcon Jet markets and supports the Falcon family of business jets throughout North and South America.

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