JOBY TO BEGIN U.S. OPERATIONS IN 2026 UNDER WHITE HOUSE AIR TAXI PROGRAM

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Joby Aviation has been selected as a partner in multiple winning applications under the White House-backed eVTOL Integration Pilot Program. Through the program, Joby has the opportunity to begin early operations this year in Arizona, Florida, Idaho, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Utah, marking a major milestone for the U.S. air taxi industry with the potential to significantly accelerate Joby's path to commercial service.

The eIPP program, established by Presidential Executive Order, paves the way for Joby to bring its technology directly to U.S. communities ahead of FAA type certification. It is expected to accelerate regulatory coordination by bringing the FAA and DOT together with local authorities to streamline approvals for airspace integration and the development of relevant infrastructure - advancing the safe integration of this new technology into the national airspace.

JoeBen Bevirt, Founder and CEO of Joby Aviation commented: "This is a defining moment for American innovation. Instead of just reading about the future of flight, communities across America are going to be able to see it in the skies above their own cities this year. Quiet, electric air taxis

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flying real routes are a powerful demonstration of American leadership in action, and proof that we're building the next golden age of aviation right here in the U.S."

Greg Bowles, Chief Policy Officer at Joby stated: "America has set the pace and the standard in aerospace innovation since the Wright Brothers first took to the skies. This is how our country has always led — by bringing people together to turn breakthrough technology into real-world progress. From President Trump and Secretary Duffy to the state and local leaders who helped drive these applications forward, this kind of coordination is what will ensure America continues to lead. We're grateful to our partners at every level who stepped up to make this possible, and we're excited to see communities witness this next chapter of aviation take flight."

In addition to its air taxi aircraft, Joby was also selected for applications that include Joby's Superpilot autonomous flight technology platform. Designed to enable highly automated operations over time, Superpilot has the potential to further expand the range of use cases partner states can explore under the program.

Joby is participating in the following programs that have been selected as part of the eIPP:

- **Florida:** A statewide effort that will include three phases of operations focused on cargo delivery, passenger transportation, automation, and medical response, supported by significant public and private investment.
- **Port Authority of New York and New Jersey:** Joby will collaborate on multiple operational concepts across New England, including air taxi passenger operations at the Manhattan heliport.
- **Texas Department of Transportation:** This application will support operations connecting Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, and eventually Houston, with air taxi networks expanding from each city to extend regional reach.
- **North Carolina Department of Transportation:** This application will work with industry partners to establish piloted medical and regional operations across the state while also developing an autonomous flight operation extending into Virginia.
- **Utah Department of Transportation:** This application covers four states spanning the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountains, and the Plains of Oklahoma and will test a wide range of next-generation aircraft and operational concepts.

The applications selected today will now progress into an Other Transaction Authority stage, where agreements and operational details will be finalized. Flights are expected to commence within 90 days of OTA contracts being finalized.

Joby's first FAA-conforming aircraft for Type Inspection Authorization is set to fly shortly, marking a major step on the path toward Type Certification. The company regularly flies piloted, full-transition flights - taking off vertically, transitioning to wingborne cruise, and returning to vertical landing - as part of a comprehensive real-world flight test program, demonstrating the operational maturity required to participate in the eIPP program.

Joby recently announced plans to scale production to four aircraft per month in 2027, supported by expanded facilities in Marina, CA and Dayton, OH, in order to meet unprecedented global demand for its technology.

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