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Key Points:

The past week's biggest news showcased notable growth in the aviation industry, indicating a positive future for professionals and students.

- Trump's Big Beautiful Bill includes several large investments in aviation modernization.
- Alaska and Southwest Airlines invest in growth, showing optimism in aviation employment market.
- Archer secures \$850 million in new funds last week, in heated race to be first public air taxi company.
- Embraer and MTU invest \$200 million in aviation maintenance center; approx. 1200 new jobs.

Bizjet Accident Fatalities Rise in First Half of 2025

A concerning trend in business aviation, the first half of 2025 saw 18 fatal turbine business aircraft accidents worldwide, resulting in 81 fatalities. This highlights the ongoing importance of safety training and operational vigilance in the business jet sector. While bizjet fatalities increased, the overall trend for fatal U.S. aviation accidents appears to be on pace for fewer accidents compared to the last few years, despite recent notable incidents. According to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), there were 13 fatal U.S. aviation accidents up to February 18, 2025, compared to 31 in 2024 for the same period. [Read More >>](#)



After "Big Beautiful Bill," Archer Aviation Secures \$850M in Share Sale

Archer Aviation, a leader in electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft, raised \$850 million through a direct offering of 85 million shares at \$10 each. Despite a White House Executive Order supporting eVTOL integration, which should have bolstered the stock price, the stock fell 15% due to dilution concerns.

This investment is part of a growing trend to push for urban air taxi services. For Archer, an extra \$850 million provides more runway for Archer to invest in its infrastructure and FAA-Approval.

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Embraer and MTU Maintenance Invest \$200M in Texas Aviation

MTU Maintenance, a leading aircraft engine maintenance company, is investing \$120 million to upgrade and expand its facility at Perot Field Alliance Airport, which will be renamed MTU Maintenance Fort Worth. Embraer, the Brazilian aircraft manufacturer, invested 80 million in partnership with MTU.

This expansion will transform the facility into a full-service center capable of handling engine disassembly, assembly, and testing. This project is expected to create approximately 1,200 new jobs.

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Major Congressional Funding for ATC Overhaul in Big Beautiful Bill

Significant funding has been authorized by Congress for the modernization and overhaul of the U.S. air traffic control (ATC) system. Key developments include:

- **The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (H.R. 1):** This legislation, championed by President Trump, includes \$12.5 billion specifically for air traffic system modernization and air traffic controller staffing, with funds available through FY2029. This funding is considered a significant "down payment" on the overall modernization efforts.
- **Specific Allocations:** The \$12.5 billion is designated for key areas such as telecommunications infrastructure, radar replacement, building a new Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), runway safety technologies, and ATC training technologies.
- **FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024:** Signed into law in May 2024, this act authorizes over \$105 billion for the FAA through FY2028, encompassing operations, facilities and equipment, airport infrastructure grants, and research and development.
- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA):** This act, passed in 2021, provided an additional \$25 billion for airport and air traffic control projects through FY2026.
- **Workforce Development:** The FAA Reauthorization Act also includes provisions to address air traffic controller shortages, requiring the FAA to improve staffing standards, increase training capacity, and facilitate hiring.
- **Modernization and Efficiency:** The funding is intended to support a range of improvements, including the development of a more efficient and modern ATC systems to address new technologies like drones and advanced mobility aircraft (eVTOLs).

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JOB MARKET

Alaska Airlines Expands Fleet for Seattle Operations

Alaska Airlines has placed orders for 5 more Boeing 787s and 10 737 MAX 10s. This strategic move aims to expand the airline's long-haul network from its Seattle hub, indicating anticipated growth in passenger demand.

Southwest Airlines Enhances Cockpit Safety with New Software

Southwest Airlines is integrating new Honeywell software into its Boeing 737 fleet to enhance safety. This technology provides pilots with alerts regarding runway risks, such as speed, height, and direction, aiming to prevent incidents before they occur.

ATP Flight School Expands in Ohio

ATP Flight School is expanding its presence in Ohio with the opening of two new training centers in Columbus and Akron-Canton. This expansion signals continued demand for flight training and offers more opportunities for aspiring pilots.al aircraft of similar size.

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