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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.

- Marketplace & investment: Major rounds for Archer, LAT Aerospace, JetZero; Air France staffing surge.
- Hiring & regulations: FAA controller push, planning to push for increased hiring for next decade.
- Government oversight: The FAA and DOT are actively working to improve the air travel experience for consumers through increased transparency, rule changes, and enforcement actions

FAA Prioritizes Controller Staffing in New Reform Push

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is indeed prioritizing air traffic controller staffing as part of a new reform push. This comes in response to concerns about controller shortages at many facilities across the United States. The FAA is actively aiming to boost the number of new hires. For example, they are on track to hire at least 2,000 controllers this year, following a "supercharged hiring campaign". The FAA is offering incentives such as a 30% increase in the starting salary for Academy trainees and awards for graduates, especially those assigned to hard-to-staff facilities. [Read More >>](#)



Air France to hire 2,000+, boosting sustainability focus

Air France is planning to hire over 2,000 new employees in 2025 across its aviation and sustainability sectors. This recruitment drive, announced at the Paris Air Show 2025, reflects the airline's expansion goals and the broader aviation industry's need for skilled personnel. Air France is particularly focusing on talent in areas like aircraft maintenance, digital technologies, flight operations, commercial and customer service, and support functions. The airline also emphasizes diversity and gender equality in its hiring process. [Read More >>](#)



FAA to Provide Oversight Reporting to Protect National Airlines' Customers

The FAA and DOT are actively working to improve the air travel experience for consumers through increased transparency, rule changes, and enforcement actions. The report will highlight the following:

- Detail airline operational performance
- on-time performance,
- mishandled baggage, and
- consumer complaints.

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Archer raises \$850 million in new capital, following Executive Order

Urban air mobility company Archer Aviation has received a substantial \$850 million funding boost, which includes investment from the sale of shares and follows an Executive Order from President Trump to accelerate the deployment of eVTOL aircraft across the US.

Key aspects of this development:

- **Funding Source:** The \$850 million funding is from the sale of 85 million shares of Archer's Class A common stock at \$10 each.
- **Government Initiative:** The funding comes alongside the implementation of an eVTOL Integration Pilot Program through a recent Executive Order, demonstrating a growing US commitment to supporting and fast-tracking the development and deployment of flying cars and air taxis.
- **Archer's Plans:** Archer intends to utilize these funds to accelerate its domestic and international engineering, certification, and commercialization efforts, including advancements in its infrastructure and an AI-powered aviation software platform.
- **LA 2028 Olympics:** Archer will also work closely with government agencies to prepare for its role as the official air taxi provider for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.
- **Government Collaboration:** Archer plans to collaborate with the White House, Department of Transportation, and the FAA to ensure alignment with the eVTOL Integration Pilot Program.
- **Military Interest:** Separately, Archer also has a contract with the US Air Force valued at up to \$142 million to evaluate its Midnight eVTOL for military applications, including personnel transport and logistics support.

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JOB MARKET

JetZero to Build \$4.7 Billion Aircraft Hub in North Carolina, Creating 14,500 Jobs

JetZero, a California-based aerospace startup, has announced plans to build its first manufacturing and assembly facility at Piedmont Triad International Airport (PTI) in Greensboro, North Carolina. This significant investment, valued at \$4.7 billion over the next decade, aims to produce JetZero's Z4, a fuel-efficient blended-wing commercial airliner.

This includes:

- **Job Creation:** Expected to create over 14,500 jobs by 2036.
- **Aircraft Production:** The facility will produce the Z4, a 250-seat blended-wing aircraft designed for enhanced fuel efficiency (up to 50% better than traditional jets).
- **Efficiency of Z4:** Aims for up to 50% better fuel efficiency compared to conventional aircraft of similar size.
- **Passenger Experience:** Features designed for a better passenger experience with a wider cabin, flexible seating options, and improved boarding process. [Read More >>](#)

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