Nextant delivering first 400XT

Nextant Aerospace (Booth No. 3310) will hand over the keys to the first of its remanufactured 400XTs at its booth here at 2 p.m. today. The company received supplemental type certificate (STC) approval from the FAA last week for its base-335 million twinjet, which incorporates new Williams International F60-65AP engines and Rockwell Collins Pro Line 21 avionics. The company said yesterday that it is developing winglets for the jet that will extend its range 7 to 8 percent beyond the current maximum of 2,020 nm and is evaluating “three to four” other legacy aircraft models for its next refurbishment project. But an announcement on that is at least 12 months off, said company vice president Jay Holden.

Nextant currently holds 40 orders for the 400XT/500XT versions (the latter flight options and an additional 12 from retail customers). However, since receiving the STC last week, Nextant said customer inquiries had increased substantially.

Nextant president James Miller estimates there is a market for between 300 and 750 Beechjet 400A/400XP jets, for 400XT conversions and that the company will ramp up to three per month by the end of 2015. The modified jet comes with a two-year, 100-hour warranty on the airframe, paint and systems. Nextant has appointed 10 authorized service centers in the U.S. and Europe. EAC will provide flight training in its Level D Simulator. (See related story on Page 112.)