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Dr. Kathy Abbott, PhD, FRAeS, has over 35 years of experience specializing in aviation human factors. She currently serves as the Chief Scientific and Technical Advisor for Flight Deck Human Factors to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on human performance and human error, systems design and analysis, flight crew training/qualification, and flight crew operations and procedures. Dr. Abbott has led the integration of human engineering into FAA/international regulatory material and policies. She has been involved extensively in accident, incident, and other safety data analysis. She serves as FAA liaison to industry and other government and international agencies dealing with human factors.

Before joining the FAA, she conducted research on flight deck design and operations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. She is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, an Associate Fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and a Liveryman in the Honourable Company of Air Pilots.