

## System Approach for Safety Oversight (SASO)

### *What is SASO?*

- A program, led by Flight Standards (AFS), to develop and implement a comprehensive system safety approach to the oversight of aviation entities

### *What does SASO do?*

- Plans, and ultimately will implement, the Safety Assurance System (SAS)—AFS's future oversight system for 14 CFR Parts 121, 135, and 145

### *Why was SASO created?*

- To integrate system safety into our oversight processes and develop the tools to support them
- To ensure we continue to maintain our safety record in a world of increased air traffic and static budgets

### *How does SASO do its work?*

SASO works in four areas:

- **Business Process Re-engineering:** Redesign current oversight processes and integrate system safety principles within these processes
- **Systems Alignment:** Ensure tools and technology are designed in support of these oversight processes
- **Enterprise Architecture:** Integrate the tools and processes into the AVS-wide enterprise management
- **Change Management and Implementation:** Ensure that business process changes are rolled out appropriately – so that the people affected have the right knowledge, skills, tools, processes, and systems to adapt

### *What is SASO doing now?*

- Working with AFS field and Headquarters employees to continue designing the SAS
- Continuing to communicate to the AFS workforce to help them understand the AFS SAS
- Helping AFS plan for change and preparing the workforce for SAS implementation
- Continuing SAS implementation planning including key site testing

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