TO: Airport Operators, FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspectors, U.S. Government Employees/Contractors

TOPIC: U.S Government Employees/Contractors Seeking Unescorted Motor Vehicle Access to the Movement Area at a Part 139 Certificated Airport, are Required to Meet the Specific Airport’s Movement Area Access Requirements.

This is to clarify the requirement for Airport Operators that are certificated under Part 139, to insure that each U.S. Government employee/contractor, seeking unescorted motor vehicle access to the airport operator’s Movement Area, complete the airport’s movement area drivers training program prior to operating a motor vehicle in the airport’s movement area. Federal employees/contractors, regardless of agency affiliation, are not exempt from the Airport Operator’s movement area access requirements under Part 139.329. All federal employees/contractors whose responsibilities require unescorted motor vehicle access to the movement area at multiple Part 139 Certificated airports are required to comply with each airport’s movement area access requirements. These requirements, usually in the form of a driver’s training program, are not universal from one airport to the next, but require the federal employee/contractor, seeking unescorted motor vehicle access to the movement area, to first obtain appropriate training from each Part 139 Certificated airport.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employees/contractors, requiring motor vehicle access to an airport Movement Area, must also comply with FAA Order 5200.7A, Airfield Driver Training for FAA Employees, prior to driving on the airfield of any airport. This FAA Order also requires FAA employees/contractors to comply with all driving regulations imposed by an airport operator.

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