



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Mr. John Cudahy, President,  
International Council of Air Shows, Inc.  
750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite G-3  
Leesburg, VA 20175

Dear Mr. Cudahy:

The General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800, in consultation and cooperation with Transport Canada (TC) has reviewed the International Council of Air Shows' (ICAS) Aerobatic Competency Evaluator (ACE) Manual, revision 8, effective April 1, 2015.

AFS-800 approves the manual and recognition of the FAA-approved ICAS ACE Program as meeting the requirements for the issue of a FAA "Statement of Aerobatic Competency" (Form 8710-7) as established in FAA Order 8900.1, volume 5, chapter 9, section 1, paragraph 5-154. We also recognize the Transport Canada "Statement of Aerobatic Competency" (Form 26-0307) as required by paragraph 623.06(1) of the Canadian Aviation Regulations - *Participant Eligibility*. Any changes to this manual will require revalidation by this office.

We look forward to the next steps in addressing the agreed upon changes to the ICAS ACE manual proposed for implementation by April 11, 2015.

We appreciate the cooperation you have extended to the FAA and look forward to working with ICAS in the future to assure the highest levels of aviation safety for the airshow and aviation event community. Please contact Sue Gardner, the National Aviation Events Specialist, with any questions at (847) 294-7970 or via email at [sue.gardner@faa.gov](mailto:sue.gardner@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Viola".

James A. Viola  
Division Manager,  
General Aviation and Commercial Division