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## Memorandum

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To: All ATO Employees

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Subject: Partnership for Safety

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Today the FAA, NATCA, and PASS are introducing the “Partnership for Safety” program. This joint effort seeks to identify safety issues before an incident or accident occurs. The Partnership for Safety program actively seeks your input on what problems or trends exist today in our air traffic control system that need to be fixed. We are committed to working together to address those issues, and will spend the time, resources and energy to keep safety first.

You work on the front lines and know better than anyone what should be done to improve safety. So, we are asking each one of you to:

- 1) Spend time talking to your colleagues about any safety concerns or possible trends you see.
- 2) Share those issues with your management and facility representative.

At every facility, a labor and management team will then enter the data into a MITRE website database, so we can start collecting and correcting concerns.

In addition, on August 17, 2010, we will hold a national workshop on improving operational communications with senior representatives from all of our stakeholders. Representatives from FAA, NATCA, and PASS will be at this event, so please send your suggested solutions to your management/labor team by August 9, so that these ideas can be represented.

We cannot stress enough how important it is that you feel comfortable taking part in this program. Your front-line perspective cannot be replaced, so please join us in our Partnership for Safety.