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Chris Carter is the FAA Aircraft Certification Service's (AIR) Deputy Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives. In this role as AIR-3, Chris assumes responsibility for responding to internal and external requirements, Congressional mandates, and stakeholders, as well as proactively addressing emerging safety issues, such as complex, new entrants in the aerospace system and increased sharing of safety data.

Before this, Chris served as AIR's International Division Manager where he led the development and execution of the international strategy in support of FAA's strategic objectives, working cooperatively with regulators from over thirty-five bilateral-partner countries as well as U.S. regulated-industry, trade associations and other US government Departments. He joined the FAA in 2004 as a manager in the Aircraft Engineering Division.



Prior to joining the FAA, Chris spent 18 years in the aviation industry, starting as an aircraft technician in the UK. After earning his engineering degree, he worked as an engineer and a Designated Engineering Representative (DER) for several years. He has held various management positions in the aircraft modification and interior completions sector of the industry where he managed programs; negotiated supplier agreements and met customer specifications. Chris spent his last five years at Midcoast Aviation in a senior leadership position where he helped chart and implement the strategic direction of the company.

Chris holds a Master in Business Administration degree from Webster University and a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Additionally, Chris received a Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering from Chelsea College of Aeronautical Engineering in Shoreham, Sussex, England.