



# Summer Update

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## A Message from the Director on AIR Transformation

One of the key foundational elements of AIR Transformation is Industry Commitment. To successfully increase our efficiency and effectiveness, the Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) needs Industry to engage early on innovative ideas, embrace systems safety, place value on compliance, and work collaboratively with us to develop tools to measure and improve both FAA and company performance. AIR continues to seek efforts to collaborate and engage with Industry stakeholders to build commitment to AIR Transformation.

- Learn how revising the Certification Process Improvement (CPI) Guide will reinforce accountability by establishing needs and expectations *up front* for all parties involved.
- Read about collaborative efforts to facilitate recognition of voluntary implementation of a Safety Management System (SMS).
- Register for **free** safety conferences and workshops to share your experience and perspective, engage with other experts in your field, and help improve performance.
- See what other resources are available to learn more about AIR Transformation.

I encourage you to visit our [public website](#) for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest and continued support to increase our efficiency and effectiveness.

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## Events Calendar

### 2016 Rotorcraft Safety Conference



On October 25-27, 2016, AIR will host the second [International Rotorcraft Safety Conference](#) at the Hurst Conference Center near Ft. Worth, TX.

The goal of this event is to reduce the national helicopter accident rate. Featured presentations from industry and FAA leaders will cover topics like aeronautical decision making, safer autorotations, protective equipment, and basic maintenance. A Helicopter Spatial Disorientation Demonstration exhibit will also allow attendees to experience various flight scenarios.

Registration is **FREE** and attendees will receive Inspection Authorization credits and WINGS pilot proficiency program credits. See the [website](#) to register or for more information.

### Electrical & Mechanical Equipment Workshop

On August 24-25, the FAA will host an Electrical and Mechanical Equipment Workshop at the NOAA Science Center in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Topics will include Technical Standard Order (TSO) Reciprocal Acceptance and Deviations, Additive Manufacturing, Batteries, Non-required Safety Enhancing Equipment (NORSEE), and much more.

Register for FREE, [online](#) before August 15, 2016.



For the latest news, visit the [AIR Transformation public website!](#)

## Updating the Certification Process Improvement (CPI) Guide



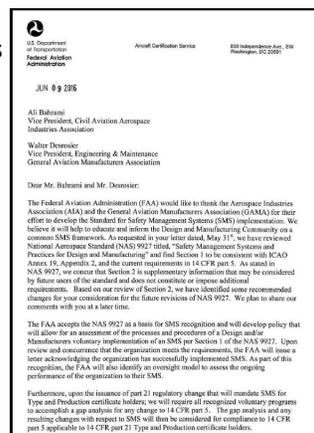
The FAA and industry are working together to revise and update the Certification Process Improvement (CPI) Guide to reflect changes that have occurred since the last revision such as Organization Designation Authorizations (ODAs), Project Prioritization, and Application Showing Only.

Once complete, this transformational tool will help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the product certification process by establishing a clear, up-front understanding of the needs and expectations of all parties involved in the product certification process. In other words, the revised CPI Guide will improve accountability and the ability to manage, measure, and improve *both* FAA and company performance. Watch the [CPI Guide video](#) to hear FAA and industry perspectives on how this collaborative revision furthers the AIR Transformation.

## Voluntary Safety Management Systems... and Beyond!

On June 9, 2016, AIR [officially accepted the industry consensus standard](#), National Aerospace Standard (NAS) 9927, as the basis for recognition of voluntary implementation of a Safety Management System (SMS). Developed by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) in collaboration with AIR, NAS 9927 allows recognition of SMS under a voluntary program.

This gives industry a jump start to gain experience before a revised part 21 makes SMS mandatory for Type and Production certificate holders. It also demonstrates Industry's commitment to embracing systems safety and valuing compliance. AIR continues to work with Industry on implementation and expects to be ready for applications in early FY17.



# AIR Transformation Resources

## Where you can find out more...

### AIR Transformation Website:

[http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/avs/offices/air/transformation/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/air/transformation/)



### Videos

### Newsletters



### Engagement Activities

#### Industry Focus Groups

The ODT is creating an Industry Focus Group as a forum to facilitate collaboration throughout the AIR Transformation. [Contact us](#) to get involved.

#### Roadshows

At the conclusion of the detailed design of the future organization, AIR leadership will conduct face-to-face information sessions with employees and industry across the country in the fall of 2016.

#### AIR Transformation Communications

AIR leadership is communicating regular status updates on the detailed design activities through presentations, newsletters, videos, etc. We encourage and welcome continuous Industry input!

### Organizational Design Team

