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Memorandum

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Subject: Implementation of FAA Order 8000.90, *AOV Credentialing and Control Tower Operator Certification Programs*

The final phase of implementation of FAA Order 8000.90, *Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service (AOV) Credentialing and Control Tower Operator Certification Programs* will begin on August 1, 2008. In accordance with FAA Order 8000.90, Chapter 1-9, applicability, AOV is providing the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) the required 60-day notification for full implementation of the referenced order.

To ensure the ATO was prepared for this implementation, the following notifications were made:

- On July 15, 2008, all AOV designated air traffic control Proficiency Managers were notified of the need to ensure Designated Examiners were appropriately credentialed for their facilities.
- On July 18, 2008, all AOV designated air traffic control Examiners were notified of mandatory training which must be completed successfully prior to being allowed access to perform credentialing functions at their facilities.

To complete the implementation, effective October 1, 2008, no person may provide direct safety-related air traffic control services unless that person holds a valid AOV issued credential with the appropriate ratings, associated endorsements, and/or designations for the duties assigned.

Also, effective October 1, 2008, Control Tower Operator (CTO) Examiners must possess an AOV issued credential designating them to perform CTO functions. Airmen Registry, Flight Standards (AFS-760), will not issue a CTO Airmen Certificate to any employee who has not been evaluated by an AOV Designated CTO Examiner.

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