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Purpose

The purpose of this PGL is to provide the FY 2013 determinations under Title 49 U.S.C. § 47109 (f) Special Rule for Economically Distressed Communities, which provides an exception to the 90 percent federal share for grants at smaller airports (i.e. other than Large and Medium-hub) that are both receiving Essential Air Service (EAS) and are located in economically distressed areas (EDA). FAA Regional Airports Office and Airports District Offices are encouraged to distribute this PGL widely to the airport and consultant community.

Determinations

FAA makes a determination of whether an airport qualifies for the increased 95 percent federal share for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants on an annual basis. Because federal share percentages affect how the agency plans AIP spending, determinations will only be made at the start of the fiscal year on October 1. Once the FAA determines that an airport qualifies for the increased federal share, it will maintain that status for the entire fiscal year, regardless of mid-year changes in Essential Air Service (EAS) or Economically Distressed Area (EDA) status.

For FY 2013, a determination of the airports that meet the Section 47109 (f) criteria was made on October 1, 2012. For details on the determination process, please see Program Guidance Letter (PGL) 12-05 issued on April 16, 2012.

The EAS program is administered by the DOT. The DOT office administering the program provides the FAA annually with an official list of all EAS locations. For more information about the EAS program, visit their site here:

<http://www.dot.gov/policy/aviation-policy/current-list-eligible-eas-communities>

EDA information is obtained from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information about how FHWA calculates EDAs, please visit the FHWA site:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/edaqanda.htm>

Qualifying Airports (FY 2013) In FY 2012, there were 56 airports that qualified for the 95% federal share. Of those 56 airports, five (5) airports no longer meet the criteria and

there are 20 new airports that qualify for a total of 71 qualifying airports as of October 1, 2012 (see Table 1). The 20 new qualifying airports for FY 2013 are marked with an asterisk (*). The 71 qualifying airports will be eligible to receive the higher 95% federal share for grants issued in FY 2013 only. Table 2 provides the list of airports that were on the list of eligible airports in FY 2012, but no longer qualify for FY 2013.

TABLE 1: EAS Locations in EDAs - Of the 149 NPIAS airports receiving EAS, ARP has identified 71 that are located in EDAs as of October 1, 2012. These airports are eligible to receive a 95 percent federal share for AIP grants in FY 2013.

* Indicates new locations in FY 2013

| State | EAS Community | Loc ID |
|-------|-----------------|--------|
| AK | Adak | ADK* |
| AK | Akutan | KQA |
| AK | Angoon | AGN* |
| AK | Atka | AKA* |
| AK | Central | CEM |
| AK | Chisana | CZN* |
| AK | Circle | CRC |
| AK | Cordova | CDV* |
| AK | Elfin Cove | ELV* |
| AK | Excursion Inlet | EXI* |
| AK | Funter Bay | FNR* |
| AK | Gustavus | GST* |
| AK | Healy Lake | HRR |
| AK | Hydaburg | HYG* |
| AK | Kake | KAE* |
| AK | Lake Minchumina | MHM |
| AK | Manley | MLY |
| AK | Minto | 51Z* |
| AK | Pelican | PEC* |
| AK | Petersburg | PSG* |
| AK | Port Alexander | AHP |
| AK | Rampart | RMP* |
| AK | Tenakee | TKE* |
| AK | Yakutat | YAK |
| AL | Muscle Shoals | MSL |
| AR | Harrison | HRO |
| AR | Jonesboro | JBR |
| AZ | Kingman | IGM |
| AZ | Prescott | PRC |
| AZ | Show Low | SOW |
| CA | Crescent City | CEC |
| CA | El Centro | IPL |
| CA | Merced | MCE |
| CA | Visalia | VIS |
| CO | Pueblo | PUB |
| GA | Athens | AHN |

| State | EAS Community | Loc ID |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------|
| GA | Macon | MCN* |
| IL | Decatur | DEC |
| KS | Dodge City | DDC |
| KS | Garden City | GCK |
| KS | Liberal/Guymon | LBL |
| ME | Presque Isle/Houlton | PQI |
| MI | Alpena | APN |
| MI | Escanaba | ESC |
| MI | Hancock/Houghton | CMX |
| MI | Ironwood/Ashland | IWD |
| MI | Manistee | MBL |
| MI | Muskegon | MKG |
| MI | Pellston | PLN |
| MI | Sault Ste. Marie | CIU |
| MN | Bemidji | BJI |
| MO | Joplin | JLN |
| MO | Kirksville | IRK |
| MS | Greenville | GLH |
| MS | Meridian | MEI |
| MS | Tupelo | TUP |
| MT | Wolf Point | OLF |
| NE | Chadron | CDR |
| NM | Silver City/Hurley/Deming | SVC |
| NY | Jamestown | JHW |
| NY | Massena | MSS |
| NY | Ogdensburg | OGS |
| NY | Plattsburgh | PBG* |
| NY | Saranac Lake/Lake Placid | SLK |
| OR | Pendleton | PDT |
| PA | Bradford | BFD* |
| PA | DuBois | DUJ |
| PR | Mayaguez | MAZ |
| UT | Cedar City | CDC |
| UT | Vernal | VEL |
| WV | Greenbrier/White Sulphur Springs | LWB* |

TABLE 2: Airports Qualifying in FY 2012 that do not Qualify in FY 2013 - Four (4) EAS airports were located in an EDA for the FY 2012 determination, but are not located in EDAs as of October 1, 2012. One (1) airport is no longer an EAS airport (ALM). Therefore, the following five (5) airports no longer meet the requirements of Section 137 of the FAA Reauthorization Bill.

| State | EAS Community | Loc ID |
|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| MN | Brainerd | BRD |
| MS | Hattiesburg/Laurel | PIB |
| NM | Alamagordo/Holloman AFB | ALM |

| State | EAS Community | Loc ID |
|-------|-------------------|--------|
| PA | Franklin/Oil City | FKL |
| UT | Moab | CNY |

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