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## Re: Based Aircraft Inventory

Dear Airport Sponsor,

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of your responsibility to review and update, as needed, your based aircraft information at [www.basedaircraft.com](http://www.basedaircraft.com) by **November 30, 2017**.

The verified based aircraft information will be used in the FAA's preparation of the next National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and *General Aviation Airports: A National Asset* (ASSET) Report to Congress.

The FAA is required to publish the NPIAS report every other year identifying the airports included in the NPIAS, the role they serve, and the amounts and type of development **eligible** for Federal funding under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) over the next 5 years. Concurrently, the ASSET Report is prepared to review the unclassified airports' status.

**\*\*Please be reminded not to include aircraft associated with through-the-fence operations at your airport.**

Per the AIP Handbook, Table A-1 -Based Aircraft - *Per the FAA ASSET Report: General Aviation Airports: A National Asset, May 2012, Based Aircraft are aircraft that are stored at an airport.*

Based Aircraft – ASSET Report 2012, Glossary – **Based aircraft** are aircraft that are “operational and airworthy”, which are based at an airport for a majority of the year. This is the definition used by airports when reporting based aircraft on the website [www.basedaircraft.com](http://www.basedaircraft.com), National Based Aircraft Inventory Program (Airport Master Record, FAA Form 5010-1). **(Aircraft based at an airport ≥6 months each year)**

A through-the-fence agreement allows people who own property with aircraft storage facilities near an airport to access the airport from off-airport property. Aircraft that are stored off airport, but are allowed to access airfield facilities via through-the-fence, should not be report to the FAA as 'based' at the airport.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned ADO Planner.

Thank you.