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Manager's Message

As we turn our focus to the new construction season, there are still many loose ends to tie up. Because of the split appropriation year, many of our sponsors will be getting two grants this year. The first grant covered work identified in Part A of the FY09 AIP program. The second grant may allow us to complete another phase of the Part A project or start a new one.

To add to this complicated year, the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed into law February 17, adds \$1.1 billion to use on high priority, ready to go projects. Many of our sponsors did an excellent job of getting new projects designed and ready to go in hopes of competing well for the Recovery Act funds. We really appreciate the proactive approach our sponsors and their consultants took. Because of this good work, Central Region is competing well for these limited funds. I am confident we will be funding Recovery Act projects in all four of our states at both primary and non-primary airports. The downside of course is that since we had so many good projects submitted for Recovery Act funding, we will not be able to reach them all.

Our planners are currently working on compiling the three year airport capital improvement program for FY 2010 - 2012. In June, Sponsors will be receiving a letter asking them to make sure the information in the NPIAS for their airport is up to date.

I am happy to report that we have added two new staff members – Rodney Joel is our new Safety and Standards Branch Manager and Jessica Garcia will be providing support for our airspace program (yes, we heard your pleas for additional staff to help process airspace cases loud and clear). Both Rodney and Jessica have hit the ground running and we are glad to have them as part of our team.

I am also pleased to announce that Mark Schenkelberg, our former Airport Capacity Program Manager and State of Missouri Planner, has been reassigned to the position of Team Lead for the Planning Section. Todd Madison, our former Environmental Program Manager, has been reassigned to Airport Capacity Program Manager and State of Missouri Planner. Glenn Helm, our former Program Manager for Safety and Standards Branch has been reassigned to the position of Environmental Program Manager.

We are also glad to have Mike Mullen, lead Part 139 certification inspector, back safe and sound from conducting inspections in Iraq. Ask him sometime about his adventures. He has some good stories.

We know there are many more challenges ahead. Our staff has been working diligently to make it another successful year, and I know you are too. Thanks for your efforts.

Jim Johnson
Manager, Airports Division

2009 Airports Conference - September 22-23

It's time to mark your calendar for the [2009 FAA Central Region Airports Conference](#) on September 22-23. The conference will again be held at the Westin Crown Center Hotel. The golf tournament again will be held the day before on September 21.

For extracurricular activities during the conference, you might consider catching a game at newly remodeled Kauffman Stadium. The Royals play the Red Sox on four nights from September 21-24.

STL Offers Their ACM Online

We are pleased to announce that you can now access the [Airport Certification Manual](#) (ACM) electronically. This will provide you with the latest airfield diagrams, emergency response procedures and airport rules and regulations.

Go to: www.flystl.com

Click on: Airport Information

Click on: Pilot Information

Scroll down to: Airport Certification Manual

Bill Korte

STL Assistant Director of Operations Maintenance

New Aviation Noise Website Available

The FAA's Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emissions Reductions (PARTNER) has released a new website: [NoiseQuest: Aviation Noise Information & Resources](#).

DBE Contact Information

Our previous Central Region Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program contact, Jackie Baker, has passed away after an illness. Christine Whitehead of FAA Northwest Mountain Region is our interim Central Region contact. Their office is in the process of hiring a permanent Central Region contact, but meanwhile Christine may be reached at 425-227-2095 or christine.whitehead@faa.gov.

DBE Training Opportunity - Atlanta - April 22, 2009

The FAA is offering a national DBE/Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (ACDBE) conference. The conference will provide a basic understanding and tools on the following topics:

- Implementing the DBE and ACDBE regulations
- Joint venture guidance
- Avoiding fraud in the DBE program
- Complaint investigations
- Compliance reviews

The conference will be held in Atlanta on April 22, 2009 at the Hyatt Place Atlanta Hotel. For more information, contact christine.whitehead@faa.gov or james.brame@faa.gov

Modifications to FAA Construction Specifications

General - Exception Not Norm

As the number of projects has greatly increased over the past few years, so has the requests for modifications to FAA construction specifications. Modifications to FAA construction specifications should be the exception not the norm.

Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant assurance #34 obligates a Sponsor to comply with all relevant FAA standards in carrying out any development or equipment project. The FAA conveys such standards and guidelines by publishing various Advisory Circulars. The applicable Advisory Circulars that a grant recipient must comply with are specifically identified in an attachment to each grant agreement

Sponsors must incorporate the requirements of the appropriate FAA standard without modification. Occasionally, unique and site-specific conditions may necessitate a modification to the FAA standard. All such modifications must be submitted to the FAA for advance review and approval. Unapproved modifications to FAA standards may render the cost of the work ineligible for AIP participation.

Pre-approved Modifications

AIP Sponsors occasionally encounter project situations where unique local conditions preclude compliance with FAA standards for airport design or construction. For common or recurring modifications to the FAA Construction Standards, the Central Region has prepared a listing of regionally approved modifications to AC 150/5370-10. The modifications presented in this guidance are pre-approved for use and do not require a separate request from the Sponsor.

Download: [Pre-Approved Modifications to AC 150/5370-10](#) (RTF)

Note: Pre-approved modifications are typically updated by October of every year

Sponsor Initiated Modifications

Sponsors that desire additional modifications to FAA Standards that are not covered by the pre-approved modifications must seek formal FAA review and approval. All such modifications must be fully justified and should not diminish the quality intended in the FAA standard.

Form of Sponsor's Request for Modification Approval

The above noted modifications require that the Sponsor formally submit a written request asking for FAA review and approval. In general, the request must identify the modification, provide a short description of the modification and provide a justification for why the modification is necessary.

FAA Central Region Approval – Sponsor initiated modifications that require FAA Central Region Approval shall contain the following:

1. Formal written request for modifying an FAA standard
2. A separate listing of all modifications, which identifies the FAA standard being modified that includes:
 - A short concise description of the modification.
 - A statement that justifies why the modification is necessary
 - Note 'local preference' or 'local practice' is not sufficient unless the modification meets all of the criteria listed in item 3 below.
3. An engineer's statement that proposed modification of FAA construction standards will:
 - Provide a product that will meet or exceed FAA standards for acceptance and
 - That the finished product will perform for its intended design life (level of performance equal to or greater than the FAA standard and level of safety equivalent to or greater than the FAA standard
 - Proposed modification is cost beneficial to the AIP without sacrificing safety

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Recently Revised or New FAA Publications (a selected list)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

- [Airport Grant Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) of 2009](#) - Questions and Answers about Airport Grant Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- [Stakeholder Guidance for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) of 2009](#) (PDF)

Advisory Circulars

- [AC 150/5340-30D, Design and Installation Details for Airport Visual Aids](#) (MS Word)- Errata Sheet to correct windcone installation requirements
- [AC 150/5345-53C, Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program](#) (pdf)- Addendum for provide monthly updates of appendices 1, 3, and 4

CertAlerts

- [Certalert 09-05: Reporting Declared Distances to Aeronautical Information Services](#) (pdf)
- [Certalert 09-04: Aircraft Surface Excursions During Winter Operations](#) (pdf)
- [Certalert 09-03: Availability of the Advisory Circular on Airport Winter Safety and Operations](#) (pdf)
- [Certalert 09-02: Fuel Safety Training - Update](#) (pdf)
- [Certalert 09-01: Notice to Users of Mine Safety Appliances \(MSA\) Air Mask Equipment](#) (pdf)

Design Standards

- [Modifications of Standards for A380s, B747-8s, & New Large Aircraft](#)

For a more complete list and to receive automatic e-mail notification of changes, go to [News and New Resources for Airport Projects](#). Click on "Subscribe to this page" to the upper right and provide your e-mail address.

Arrivals and Departures

Central Region Airports Division; Kansas City, MO

Jessica Garcia: Jessica is our new Airports Program Specialist. Her main responsibility will be helping Angie Muder process airspace cases under Part 77 and Part 157 including ALP airspace reviews. Additionally, Jessica will be involved with 5010 program and airport data verification. Jessica started her Federal career with the Veterans Administration as a student hire in August 1999. She then moved into a permanent position at the Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury. Jessica joined the FAA in May 2007 working in the Administrative Office at the Kansas City Air Traffic Control Center in Olathe, Kansas.

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Rodney Joel: Rodney is our new Safety and Standards Branch Manager. He was formerly the FAA National Paving Engineer reporting to Washington HQ, but his work cubicle was located in our office here in Kansas City. Before that, Rodney was our Regional Paving Engineer.

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Mark Schenkelberg: Mark, our former Airport Capacity Program Manager and State of Missouri Planner, has been reassigned to the position of Team Lead for the Planning Section.

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Todd Madison: Todd, our former Environmental Program Manager, has been reassigned to Airport Capacity Program Manager and State of Missouri Planner.

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Glenn Helm: Glenn, our former Safety and Standards Branch Program Manager, has been reassigned to Environmental Program Manager.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
April 2-3, 2009	Missouri Airport Managers Association (MAMA) Conference Resort at Port Arrowhead Lake Ozark, MO
April 22-23, 2009	Iowa Aviation Conference Sheraton Hotel West Des Moines, IA
April 22, 2009	DBE/Airport Concessions DBE Conference Hyatt Place Hotel Atlanta, GA E-Mail Contact: christine.whitehead@faa.gov
May 6-7, 2009	Aviation Week Birdstrike Conference , Chicago, IL
May 27-29, 2009	Wildlife Management Workshop , DFW Airport, Dallas, TX
September 22-23, 2009	2009 Annual Airports Conference FAA Central Region Airports Division Westin-Crown Center Kansas City, MO