An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS)—Open for Business

Purpose: This InFO announces the September 27, 2007 launch of a new FAA application, available to operators, that consolidates a broad range of FAA source and reference materials for easy use.

Background: For many years the FAA’s Flight Standards Service has distributed public information in many ways. Technology has allowed us to consolidate and simplify access to information for our own inspectors, and now for the public.

Discussion: Significantly, we have merged three major handbooks used by Flight Standards inspectors and available to the public into one. The electronic directive FAA Order 8900.1, Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS), supersedes FAA Order 8300.10, Airworthiness Inspector's Handbook; FAA Order 8400.10, Air Transportation Operations Inspectors Handbook; and FAA Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspectors Handbook.

Among the user-friendly features of FSIMS are an efficient structure and navigation function, advanced search capabilities, a comprehensive index, document libraries, a recent document window, the ability to sign-up for updates to FSIMS, and other areas of interest.

The FSIMS Web site is located at http://fsims.faa.gov.

Recommended Action: Directors of safety, directors of operations, trainers, aircraft dispatchers, pilots, flight attendants, and many others should become familiar with FSIMS in order to employ it as a powerful tool in pursuing our common goal of aviation safety.