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Dear Mr. Childs:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requesting the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) perform an annual review of the advice on the NAS Aircraft Minimum Capabilities List (MCL) previously submitted in response to NAC Tasks 19-1 and 20-4. The FAA is also revising Task 20-1: ADS-B In commercial application technologies to extend the completion deadline from Spring 2021 to no later than the Summer 2021 NAC Meeting. This extension accommodates an industry request for an extension to the Summer 2021 to allow time for additional data collection and outreach.

**Task 21-1: NAS Aircraft Minimum Capabilities List (MCL) Annual Review**

The NAC is asked to periodically review the MCL, published by the NAC in 2020, and provide any recommendations for updates or changes on an annual basis, including but not limited to:

- Assumptions that need re-evaluation;
- Quick refresher of available technology or op specs and any new technologies announced by industry;
- Changes in scope or changes in views of retrofit by industry;
- Any recommendations on steps to further drive MCL adoption and commitments to equip aircraft with the associated capabilities; and
- Any updates to cost/benefit data provided by the NAC

This advice should be provided on the following schedule:

- Fall 2021: NAC provide a report on the MCL annual review
- Fall 2022: NAC provide a report on the MCL annual review
Task 21-2 (Task 20-1 Extension): ADS-B In Commercial Application Technologies

The NAC is tasked to provide the FAA with insight from industry on their potential application acquisitions and deployment plans, including a timeline of ADS-B In commercial application technologies pursued by the aviation community.

The NAC advice should include the following:

- A comprehensive list of ADS-B In commercial applications that NAC members either have or intend to invest in (within the next 5-10 years).
- A comprehensive list of ADS-B In commercial applications that are promising and a list of the NAC members tracking this list for future acquisitions.

Scope:

- FAA will provide the SMEs.
- MITRE may be used as a trusted clearing house for data (considered sensitive in nature to the operators).
- Complete work and provide a final recommendation report no later than the Summer 2021 NAC meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Greg Schwab, NextGen Stakeholder Collaboration Division Manager at Gregory.schwab@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

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