



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

# Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Program Guidance Letter 04-3

Date:

From: Manager, Airports Financial Assistance  
Division, APP-500

Reply to June 9, 2004  
Attn. of:

To: PGL Distribution List

**04-3.1 Weather Support to Deicing Decision-Making (WSDDM) – Mark Beisse  
(202) 267-8826.**

Research funded by the Federal Aviation Administration developed equipment for the weather support to aviation deicing decision-making system.

The system provides automated forecasts based on snow gauges and other weather sensors for use with airfield or aircraft anti-icing/deicing during winter weather conditions.

We have determined any current type of WSDDM equipment meeting standards is eligible only if it is included in an FAA approved snow and ice control plan. Airports may obtain the required approval as follows:

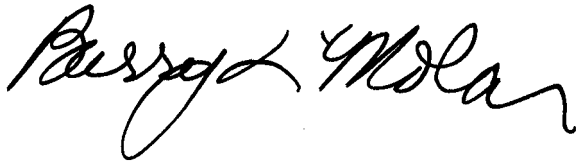
- For airports with an operating certificate under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 139, the equipment must be included in an FAA approved snow and ice control plan. If proposed WSDDM equipment is not included in such a snow plan, the special condition in Attachment 1 will require preparation of the plan or amendment by the sponsor and approval by the FAA. The new plan or amendment must address WSDDM.
- If an airport without an operating certificate prepares a snow and ice control plan that was reviewed and accepted by FAA, the WSDDM equipment must be included in the plan. If proposed WSDDM equipment is not included in such a snow plan, the special condition in Attachment 1 will require preparation of the plan or amendment by the sponsor and acceptance by the FAA. The new plan or amendment must address WSDDM.

Pending advisory circular revision, mandatory requirements for procurement are in Attachment 2, which is AAS-100's March 30 memorandum. The Society of

Automotive Engineers' attachment to that memo is at <http://www.sae.org>. The priority will be the same as snow removal equipment.

04-3.2 Correction to Program Guidance Letter 4-2.7 Flexible Use of Nonprimary Entitlements – Jim Borsari (202) 267-8822.

In the next to last paragraph of the item, there is a parenthetical statement that the work had to be performed after December 12, 2003, the effective date of Vision 100. This is incorrect. The work had to be performed after September 30, 1996. Other requirements such as compliance with all administrative and statutory requirements at the time of project accomplishment remain unchanged.



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