REDAC / Human Factors



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Review of FY 2021 - 2023 Proposed Portfolio

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Enterprise Human Factors Overview

What are the benefits to the FAA

 Enterprise human factors research investigates areas that have effects across NAS domains, systems, and programs. The program provides integrated guidance on human performance considerations to concept development teams, validation teams, and/or implementation teams. A primary focus is research that furthers successful integration of systems developed and deployed to enable NextGen concepts.

What determines program success

- Early identification of potential human performance issues and mitigation strategies that can support the usability, acceptability, and safety of NextGen concepts and systems.
- Results provided that can be used to improve individual program's development, validation, and implementation activities, though there are no formal dependencies to specific programs.

Enterprise Human Factors Program Support

People:

- Program Manager: Karl Kaufmann
- Subject Matter Experts: Bill Kaliardos
- Program Support: Carl Berntsen, Evan Harvey, Michelle Perdue

Laboratories:

- ANG-E25 Human Factors Branch, Aviation Research Division Research and Development Human Factors Laboratory
- MITRE Center for Advanced Aviation System Development



Enterprise Human Factors – Accomplishments in FY21

Project	Description/Product		
TBO HF Impact on Enroute Traffic Manager Unit (TMU) - Cognitive Model Method	Final Report This work will provide a preliminary assessment of TBO impacts on Enroute TMUs for "initial" TBO and "full" TBO. The assessment will be based on a human performance model that provides objective measures of task load, workload, and working memory/cognitive load.	MITRE	
Human Factors of Highly Automated Vehicles	Draft Research Plan The research plan will address the implications identified through the project activities. The plan will provide a prioritized list of areas that need investigation and recommendations for how to most productively approach the research.	Cavan Solutions	
TBO Training Model	Project Kickoff This work will provide the initial training products for a training program that will supplement controller knowledge and skills learned from current traditional training.	MITRE	
Regional TMU Coordination Practices	Project Kickoff This research will investigate the TMU coordination and decision-making processes that have appeared, identify the associated best practices, and, when possible, provide standardization recommendations for widespread regional use.	Cavan Solutions	

Anticipated Research in FY21+

Project	Description/Product	Vendor	Est. Completion		
Human Factors Impacts of Highly Automated Vehicles – Phase 2	Execution of selected research areas identified in Phase 1 Research report(s) on specific human factors considerations around integrating highly automated vehicles into the NAS				
TBO Training Model	Follow-on training enhancement work based on TBO Training Model results Initial development and evaluation of TBO training enhancements		results		FY22 Q1
TBO Impact on Traffic Manager Unit (TMU)	Follow-up on results of cognitive model and laboratory method projects Report(s) on TBO Impact on TMU Phase 2	Tech Center	FY21 Q4		
Traffic Management Information Flow – National Command Center Command Center		TBD	TBD		

Emerging FY23 Focal Areas

- ATC Transformation
 - New traffic management concepts
 - Future Flow Management
 - Integration of Highly Automated Vehicles
- Trajectory-Based Operations
 - Traffic Management Unit effects
 - Fostering effective use
- Traffic Management Units
 - Coordination, information sharing, decision-making



Enterprise Human Factors

Research Requirements

Provide integrated enterprise HF guidance to:

- Increase the utilization rate of concepts and systems among controllers
- Ensure controller acceptance of concepts and systems
- Increase safety through the mitigation of known
 human factors risk
- Decrease controller workload through improved tools and techniques

FY 2023 Planned Research

- ATC and Traffic Management Transformation Effects
- TBO Implementation and Usage Improvements

Outputs/Outcomes

- HF Assessments, such as to determine operational context, NAS interactions, human actors, human factors risks and opportunities
- Enterprise level HF guidance, such as design/procedure/training recommendations for programs to consider

Out Year Funding Requirements

RE&D	FY21	FY22	FY23			
	\$0	\$0	\$0			
F&E	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
	\$1.5M	\$1.0M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M