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FROM THE DIVISION MANAGER: 2006 IS HERE!

When the calendar changes, FAA is 3 months into 2006. As in past years, we're still waiting for release of our annual Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds. But there is plenty of other activities to keep us busy. Airport safety and certification issues are not bound by calendar or fiscal years. Neither is the AIP paperwork.

It makes good business sense to complete AIP projects as quickly as possible. Equally important is properly closing projects once the work has been physically complete and all eligible

funds have been drawn down.

When we issue a grant, we set aside funds the airport sponsor can draw down to pay for project costs. If a project is finished and costs less than the amount set aside, the funds just sit idle until we receive project information. The longer it takes for us to get the documentation, the longer the funds sit idle. Project close-out delays are costly all around. They can delay other projects where funds are needed for amendments. Delays increase the administrative costs of a project,



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which reduces the money available for actual improvements.

I look forward to working with you, our aviation partner, in 2006 as together we make airports even safer and more efficient.

Happy New Year to you and yours.

2006 Partnership Conference, March 27-30

The Southwest Region Airports Division Partnership Conference will be March 29-30 at the Hyatt Regency on DFW Airport. Our contractor, American Small Business Alliance, will be handling registration and logistical arrangements. ASBA

put on the 2004 conference for FAA Western Pacific.

"The contractor is one way we are responding to feedback from previous conferences," said Kelvin L. Solco. "The conference is now a full two days,

you can register on-line, the hotel is much larger so all participants can stay on site, and we are planning more after hours socials." For more registration information and an agenda go to, <http://www.netdevonline.com/asba/events.asp>

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CIP/ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE November 8, 2005



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Kelvin Solco presents Vic Bird and the OAC Staff with FAA Award



Woodie Woodward Retires from FAA



Woodie Woodward, Associate Administrator for Airports, leaves FAA for new challenges

Woodie Woodward, Associate Administrator for Airports, retired from FAA this month. In her message to FAA Airports employees, Ms. Woodward told AAAE that she will open the firm of Woodward and Associates in January. The firm will specialize in government rela-

tions, aviation security, and training. In her farewell message to her FAA colleagues, she wrote, "While I'm excited about the decision I have made, I do have very mixed feelings. My time at the FAA has been both rewarding and challenging and I don't think you can ask more of a job

than that. As an added bonus, I have made some wonderful friends both inside and outside the agency."



CIP/ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Nearly 300 people attended the FAA Southwest Region Airports Division CIP/ACIP and Environmental conference on November 8, 2005, at the Doral Hotel and Golf Club in Fort Worth. "We are pleased both with the turnout and with the evaluations," said Kelvin L. Solco, Division Manager. "I think conferences and workshops are a great way to interact with our stakeholders and I'm open to ideas on how to improve the process."

The morning session concentrated on CIP/ACIP. Barry Molar, Manager, Financial Assistance Division FAA Headquarters, addressed the national perspective. Cameron Bryan, Manager of the Planning and Programming Branch described the Regional Perspective and Timetables for Constructing CIP's/ACIP. The Airports Division Regional Management Team talked about successes and challenges. Glenn Boles, Program Manager, AR/OK ADO,

addressed new concepts. Environmental Issues were addressed in the afternoon. Ralph Thompson, Division Manager, Environmental and Community Needs, provided a national perspective and described new policies. Dean McMath and members the Regional Environmental Team talked about environmental timelines and the state of the environment. Copies of the speakers handouts are available on the FAA website at <http://faa.gov/arp/asw/>

COMPLIANCE SELF-CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UNDERWAY

In November, about 25% of the airports in Southwest Region received an Airport Compliance Surveillance Program Sponsor Self-Certification Report package. At least one every four years, FAA requires obligated airports to complete the self-certification form.

The form requires an authorized air-

port official to certify that he/she has read and understands the material. Also, that person certifies that the airport is being operated in accordance with all FAA obligations. For FAA to accept the airport owner's certification, the airport official must explain the airport procedures or actions that assure the airport is op-

erated according to the applicable assurances and obligations.

If you have any questions, contact your ADO Manager.



Airports must certify they are being operated according to all FAA obligations.



Sarah Connor, Program Manager, LA/NM ADO

NEWS ABOUT FAA STAFF

- **Sarah Conner** joined the Airports Division as a Program Manager in the LA/NM ADO. Sarah graduated from University of North Texas in 2003 with a Bachelors degree in Sociology. She's not new to FAA, though. She began working as a Student Aid in the Air Traffic Division in August 2000. In August 2003, she moved to the Aircraft Certification Office where she started as an Office Automation Clerk and in February 2004 became an Aircraft Certification Assistant. Sarah's husband, Robert, is a former FAA employee.

and wife, Chondra, have five children.

- **Sherry Sherman**, the former Administrative Officer for the Airports Division, was promoted to a position on the Regional Administrator's staff in September 2005.

- **Rosa Villalobos** and **Daniel Escamilla** joined the Division as Student Aides this fall. Both Rosa, daughter of Guillermo, and Daniel, are students at Tarrant County College.



Cedric Taylor, Certification Inspector

- **Cedric Taylor** is a new Certification Inspector in the Safety and Standards Branch. He comes to us from San Antonio where he was an Aviation Safety Technician for the San Antonio Flight Standards District Office. He was an Airfield Management Specialist and Medical Logistics Specialist in the United States Air Force. Cedric has an Associate and Applied Science Degree in Airport Technology from the Community College of the Airforce. Cedric

- **Daniel Bedinger** left sunny San Diego to join us as a contractor supporting our information technology needs.

- **Glenn Boles**, Program Manager in the AR/OK ADO, and wife, Angie, recently welcomed a new addition. Daughter, Ellie, was born October 13, 2005. Ellie and her older brother, Logan, may be the most photographed kids in Texas.



Daniel Bedinger, Information Technology Specialist



Rosa Villalobos, Student Aide



Daniel Escamilla, Student Aide



DBE CORNER

By Rosetta F. Robinson, External Program Manager, FAA, Civil Rights Office



Revised ACDBE Program and 1st Overall Goal due January 1, 06

The Department of Transportation's revised final rule on Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) was effective April 21, 2005.

Major changes are business size standards, goal setting, counting and reporting ACDBE participation, personal net worth, and other certification and eligibility matters.

Primary airports must submit a revised

bility matters.

Primary airports must submit a revised ACDBE program and revised overall goals to the Regional Civil Rights Office.

The revised plan and first overall goal for Large/Medium Hubs was due January 1, 2006. The second overall goal will be due October 1, 2008.

The revised plan and first overall goal for small hubs is due October 1, 2006.

The second overall goal

will be due October 1, 2009.

The revised plan and first overall goal for Non-Hub Primary airports is due October 1, 2007. The second overall goal will be due October 1, 2010.

For more information see the ACDBE information on (<http://faa.gov/acr/>) or contact Rosetta Francis-Robinson at 817-222-5032.

AIRPORT CERTIFICATION MANUALS AND EMERGENCY PLANS



"Submit Airport Emergency Plans to FAA by June 9, 2005"

We appreciate all the hard work that Part 139 airports put into getting their Airport Certification Manuals to our office for approval. This was a huge task, just as it was back in 1973 and 1988. We commend

your efforts. Class II, III, and IV airports that don't already have an approved Airport Emergency Plan, must submit a plan to their assigned airport certification safety inspector by June 9, 2006. See Advisory Circular 150-

visory Circular 150-5200-31A, Airport Emergency Plan, for help in plan development.

Useful Resources on FAA.gov

Advisory circulars

Airports Series 150 ACs

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/150acs.cfm>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/resources/advisory_circulars/ (future) Other FAA ACs

http://www.airweb.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgAdvisoryCircular.nsf/MainFrameorders

Airports Orders

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/publications/orders/>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/resources/publications/orders/ (future) Other FAA Orders

http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices/

<http://isddc.dot.gov/> (DOT Library)

Regulations

http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/faa_regulations/

<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/> (GPO Electronic Code of Federal Regulations)

Other Guidance and Policy DocumentsAeronautical Information Manual

<http://www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aviation/>

AIP Handbook<http://www.faa.gov/arp/financial/aip/aiphandbook.cfm>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/aip/aip_handbook/ (future) CertAlerts

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/certification/certalert.cfm>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/airport_safety/certalerts/ (future)

Engineering Briefs

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/engineering/briefs/>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/construction/engineering_briefs/ (future)

Federal Register Notices

Airports Notices

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/publications/fedreg.cfm>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/resources/publications/federal_register_notices/ (future)

Other FAA Notices

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> ([GPO Federal Register Site](#))

Environmental (NEPA) Records of Decision

<http://www.faa.gov/ARP/environmental/5054a/index.cfm>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/environmental/records_decision/ (future)

Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs)

<https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/distribution/atccsc.html>

Plans (including Operational Evolution Plan, Aviation Capacity Enhancement Plans, Business Plans, NPIAS)

<http://www.faa.gov/library/plans/>

Reports

Airports Reports

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/publications/reports/index.cfm>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/resources/publications/reports/ (future)



Other FAA Reports (including Runway Safety Reports, Accident Reports, Cost Allocation Surveys)

<http://www.faa.gov/library/reports/>

DATA, Databases, and Tools

Airport Data (5010) and Contact Information

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/safety/5010/>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/airport_safety/airportdata_5010/ (future)

Airport Design Software

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/engineering/software.cfm>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/construction/design_software/ (future)

Airport Diagrams Database

http://www.naco.faa.gov/ap_diagrams.asp

Airport Financial Reporting Program Website

<http://cats.crownci.com/>

Airplane Characteristics Database

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/aircharddb/>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/construction/aircraft_char_database/ (future)

Charts and Diagrams

http://www.faa.gov/library/charts_diagrams/

Complaints (Part 16) Database

<http://agc.crownci.com/index.cfm>

Enplanement Data and All-Cargo Statistics

<http://www.faa.gov/arp/planning/stats>

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/planning_capacity/enplanement_allcargo_stats/
(future)

Offices/Centers

Flight Standards Service

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afs/

Flight Standards District Offices (FSDOs)

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/

National Aviation Safety Data Analysis Center

http://www.faa.gov/safety/data_statistics/nasdac/

Other Useful Links

Aerospace Forecasts: http://www.faa.gov/data_statistics/aviation/aerospace_forecasts/

Airport Obstructions Standards Committee: <http://www.aosc.faa.gov/>

Runway Safety Program: <http://www.faa.gov/runwaysafety/>

Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Program: http://wildlife-mitigation.tc.faa.gov/public_html/



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gov/arp/asw/](http://www.faa.gov/arp/asw/)

Airport Pavement Workshop

The Asphalt Institute and FAA are offering another Airport Pavement Workshop April 4-6, 2006 in Dallas, Texas. This workshop will provide up to date information on asphalt pavement design, construction, and maintenance. The target audience is airport managers, engineers, consultants, testing laboratory personnel, construction inspectors and others responsible for airport pavements.

Highlighted topics include: FAA thickness design, pavement evaluation, maintenance and rehabilitation methods, quality control, materials and construction, and P-401 and superpave specifications.

You can register for the conference on the Asphalt Institute's website at www.asphaltinstitute.org. Registration is \$845 per person. Workshop attendees earn 20 professional development credit hours.

For more information, call (859) 288-4964.

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