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CENTRAL REGION TAF VERIFICATION DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS: This supplement supercedes Central Region Supplement 05-2005, applicable to NWSI 10-1601, dated May 2, 2005. This updated (revised) supplement adds the requirement, and instructions, to post the monthly TAF Verification graphs on the Central Region "Metdat" Drive.

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1. Policy. Central Region (CR) Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will maintain and update, on a monthly basis, TAF verification graphs as detailed in this Supplement. Each WFO will also post, on a monthly basis, updated graphs on the CR "Metdat" Drive.

2. Purpose. The objectives of monthly computations and display of TAF verification graphs are 1) to establish a regionally-standardized TAF verification product 2) to check how the WFO is performing compared to the WFO's past performance and 3) to determine if there are any biases in office performance of TAF accuracy.

3. Description of Central Region TAF Verification Display Graphs. The bar graphs shall be in Microsoft Excel format only. A template for the bar graphs, and instructions to generate the bar graphs, are available via the CR intranet on the CR Metdat Drive at the directory titled "TAF_BARGRAPH".

   Each of the four bar graphs will display the average stats of all TAFs sites for which a WFO is responsible.

   The term "IFR" as used in this Supplement is defined as ceiling below 1,000 ft and/or visibility below 3 statute miles, which includes VLIFR and LIFR conditions. Stats on Demand refers to this range as "VLIFR, LIFR, IFR".

3.1 The POD for IFR - A bar graph that displays, on a monthly basis, the last 12 months Probability of Detection (POD) of ceiling below 1,000 feet and/or visibility below 3 statute miles (combined IFR, LIFR and VLIFR) for all scheduled TAFs in the zero to 6-hour valid time period. This bar graph should be compared to the conterminous POD of the Model Output Statistics (MOS) of the Global Forecast System (GFS). See example 1.

3.2 The FAR for IFR - A bar graph that displays, on a monthly basis, the last 12 months False Alarm Ratio (FAR) of ceiling below 1,000 feet and/or visibility below 3 statute miles (combined IFR, LIFR and VLIFR) for all scheduled TAFs in the zero to 6-hour valid time period. This bar graph should be compared to the conterminous FAR of the Model Output Statistics (MOS) of the Global Forecast System (GFS). See example 2.

3.3 The POD for MVFR - A bar graph that displays, on a monthly basis, the last 12 months Probability of Detection (POD) of ceiling between 1,000 feet and 3,000 feet and/or visibility between 3 and 5 statute miles (Marginal Visual Flight Rules (MVFR) category) for all scheduled TAFs in the zero to 6-hour valid time period. This bar graph should be compared to the conterminous POD of the Model Output Statistics (MOS) of the Global Forecast System (GFS). See example 3.

3.4 The FAR for MVFR - A bar graph that displays, on a monthly basis, the last 12 months False Alarm Ratio (FAR) of ceiling between 1,000 feet and 3,000 feet and/or visibility between 3 and 5 statute miles (Marginal Visual Flight Rules (MVFR) category) for all scheduled TAFs in the zero to 6-hour valid time period. This bar graph should be compared to the conterminous FAR of the Model Output Statistics (MOS) of the Global Forecast System (GFS). See example 4.

4.   Accessing Data via Stats on Demand. The information/data used to produce the
TAF Verification graphs as described in section 3 can be accessed via the Stats on Demand
Page. Once the Stats on Demand Page is accessed, the instructions to obtain the bar graph
data can be used. These instructions are posted on the CR Metdat Drive in the directory
"TAF_BARGRAPH".

5.   Posting Monthly Updates of TAF Verification Graphs on the CR Metdat Drive. By
the 15th of each month, each CR WFO shall post their updated TAF verification bar graphs
(as described in Section 3 of this Supplement) on the CR Metdat Drive in the directory
"TAF_BARGRAPH". Each WFO shall post the bar graph (based on the template as
provided in Section 2) using its 3--letter site ID as the prefix.

6. Local TAF Verification Requirements and Enhancements. Each WFO is encouraged
 to establish additional verification stats based on its own unique users, terrain, staff, airports,
etc. Also, each WFO is encouraged to plot other stats, or pertinent information, on the bar
graphs that may help to analyze TAF performance. For instance, in addition to the required
bars for POD and FAR, an office may choose to add a bar for the percentage of observations
that are below 1,000 feet or 3 miles.

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Aviation Verification Graphs - TAF VS GFS MOS

|	JUL '06	AUG '06	SEP '06	OCT '06	NOV '06	DEC '06	JAN '07	FEB '07	MAR '07	APR '07	MAY '07	JUN '07
TAF POD for VLIFR, LIFR, IFR	0.298	0.304	0.110	0.820	0.769	0.663	0.634	0.724	0.466	0.538	0.529	0.494
GFS POD for VLIFR, LIFR, IFR	0.076	0.358	0.220	0.685	0.569	0.633	0.447	0.640	0.368	0.613	0.442	0.381
TAF FAR for VLIFR, LIFR, IFR	0.586	0.579	0.879	0.208	0.180	0.439	0.349	0.265	0.357	0.309	0.423	0.485
GFS FAR for VLIFR, LIFR, IFR	0.884	0.652	0.796	0.294	0.364	0.535	0.528	0.298	0.595	0.518	0.525	0.545
TAF POD for MVFR	0.487	0.547	0.641	0.683	0.657	0.594	0.733	0.676	0.593	0.592	0.538	0.530
GFS POD for MVFR	0.219	0.324	0.558	0.476	0.472	0.414	0.590	0.467	0.491	0.355	0.451	0.370
TAF FAR for MVFR	0.838	0.705	0.552	0.363	0.447	0.455	0.409	0.419	0.544	0.622	0.615	0.640
GFS FAR for MVFR	0.789	0.675	0.515	0.448	0.555	0.426	0.503	0.528	0.601	0.649	0.692	0.679

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POD VLIFR, LIFR, IFR - TAF VS GFS MOS
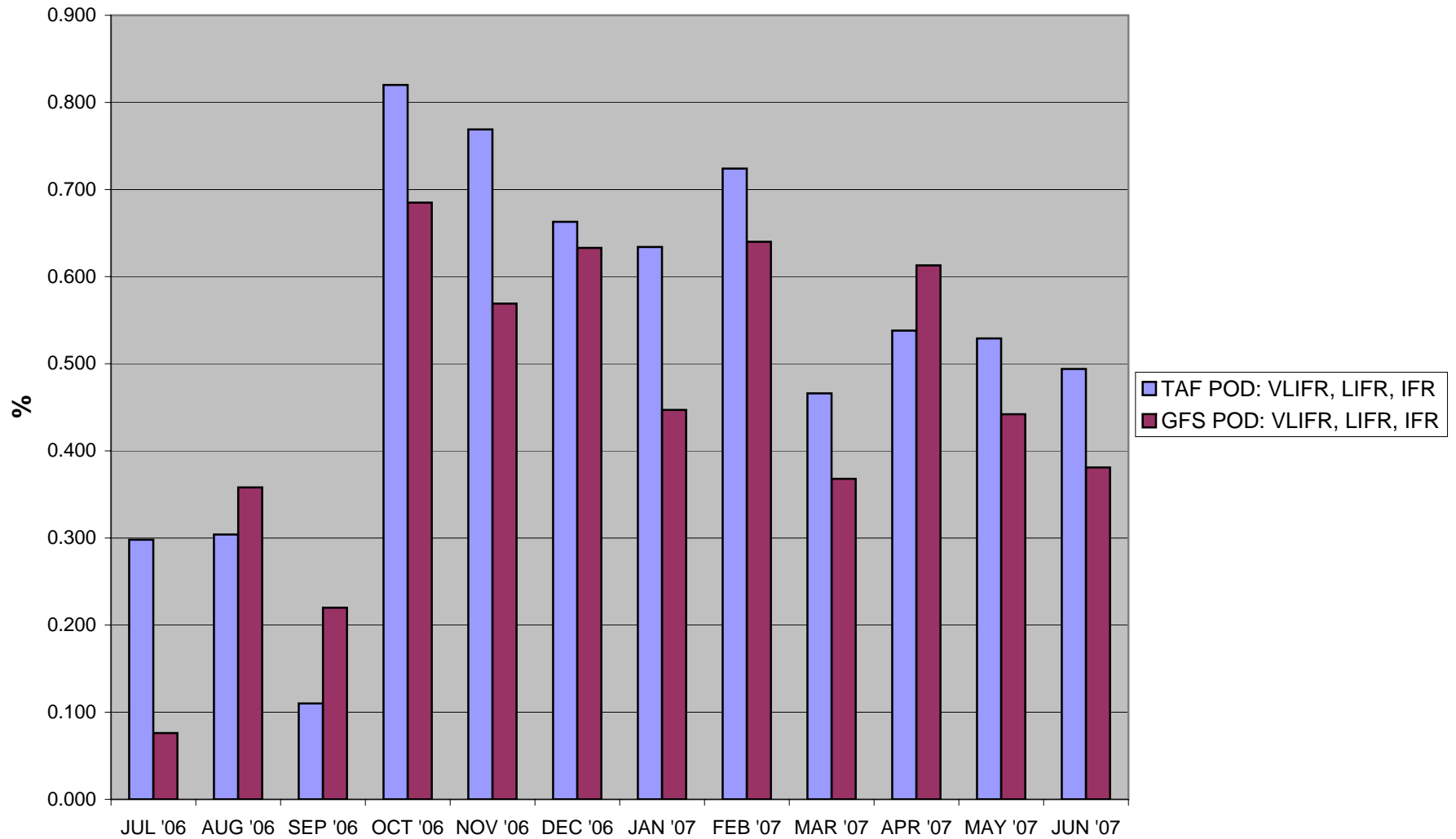
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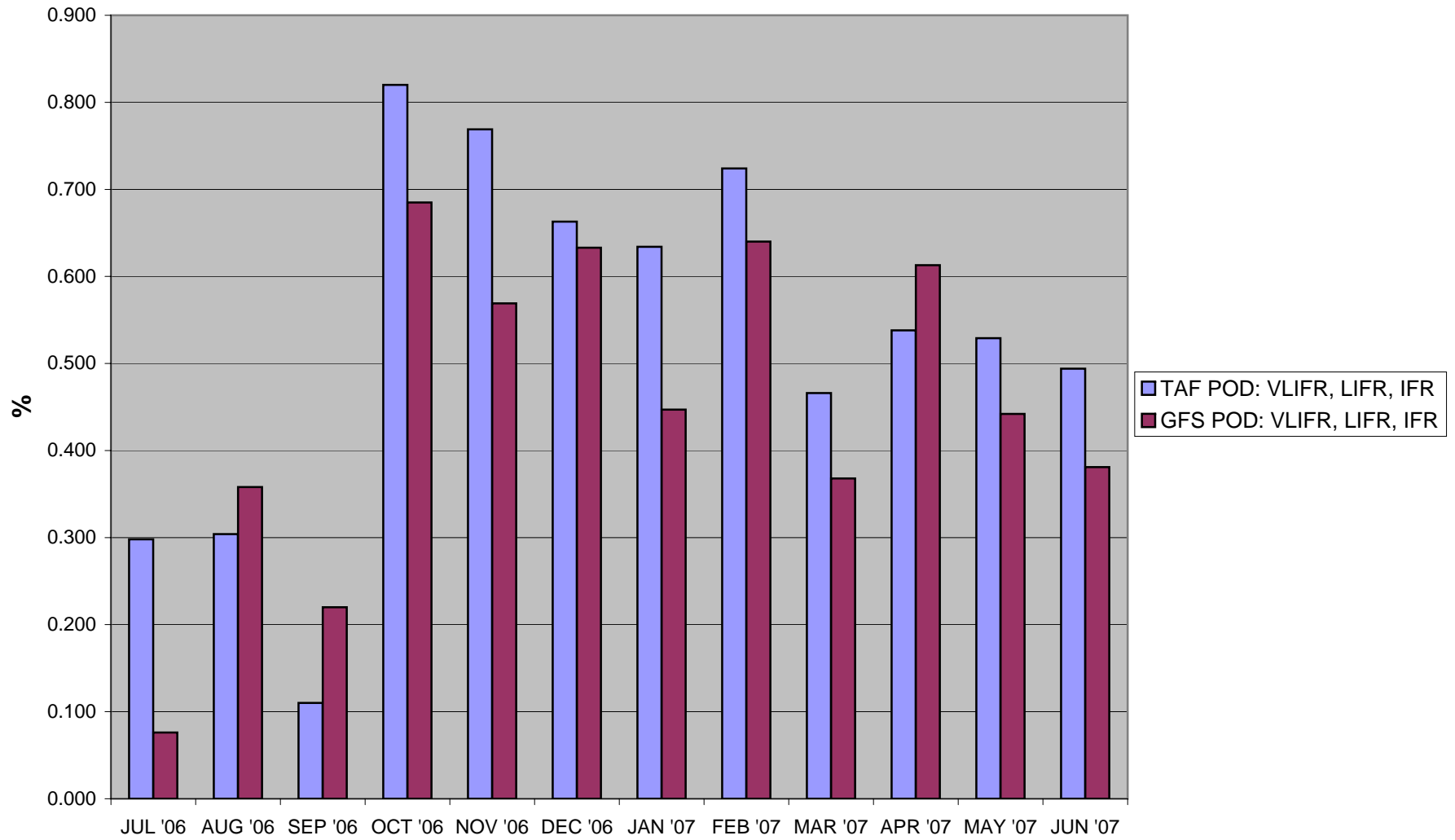
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FAR VLIFR, LIFR, IFR - TAF VS GFS MOS
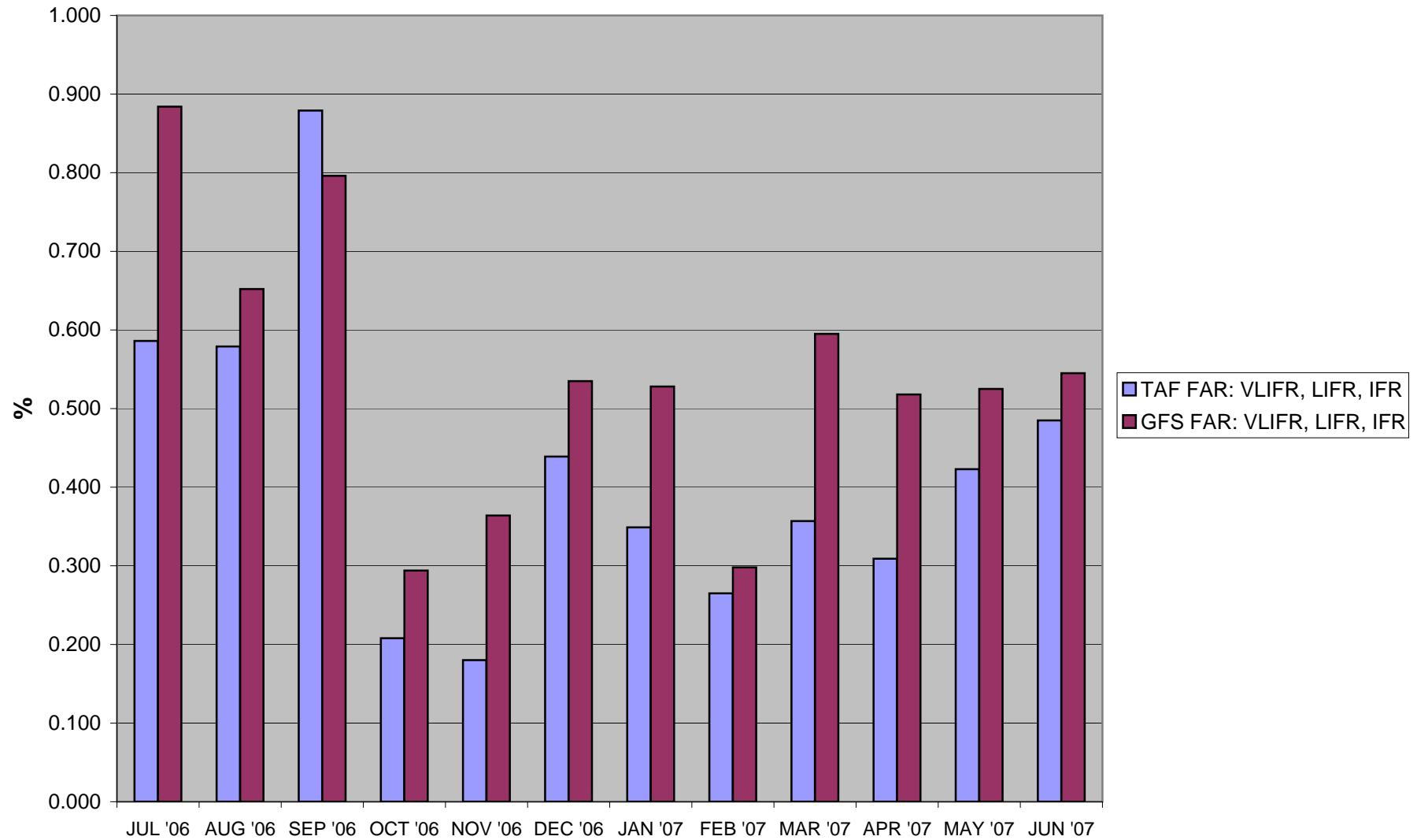
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POD MVFR - TAF VS GFS MOS

Legend:
- TAF POD: MVFR
- GFS POD: MVFR
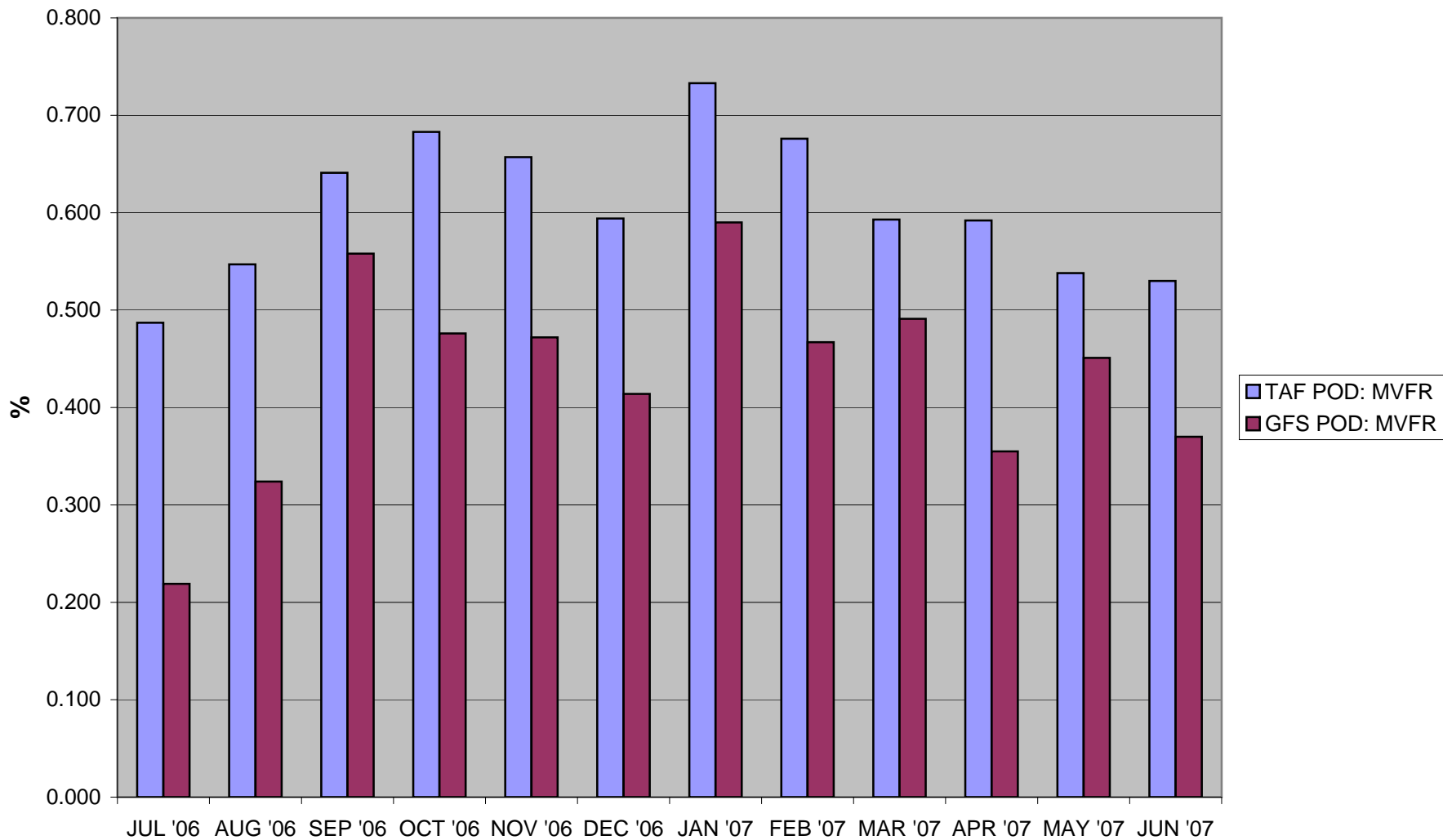
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FAR MVFR - TAF VS GFS MOS