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FAA Authorization Extended Including AIP Funding

At 1 p.m. June 30, President Bush signed the bill extending FAA's authorization for three months. It was set to expire at midnight on June 30. The new extension takes the agency until the end of September, the end of the fiscal year. The details for the fourth quarter AIP funding process are yet to be worked out.

Who's The New Airports Division Manager?

It's true! George has retired! He was our Airports Division Manager for 20 years and had 42 years of FAA service. Bids have closed for his replacement, but George's shoes will be hard to fill. Everyone's asking us, "Who do you think it will be?" but we honestly have no idea. Our crystal ball says the decision will be made in late July or August, but nobody has cleaned the crystal ball recently. Look for the "new George" at our Airports Conference in September.

Airports Conference - September 16-17, 2008

Go ahead and register now for the [FAA Central Region conference](#). Fees go up after August 18.

Conference Golf Tournament - September 15, 2008

Registration for the [FAA Central Region Golf Tournament](#) is due September 1. Make checks out to "Airports Conference"

e-NOTAM Website Allows E-Mailing NOTAMs

The new [E-NOTAM](#) website allows authorized airport personnel to email NOTAMS as an alternative to calling the 877-487-6867 number. Each person authorized to issue NOTAMS can email a request for a password to log into the system. A users guide and NOTAM examples by category are located on the web site.

Buy American Part I - Waiver for Amerace Isolation Transformers

We have started coordination of a waiver of the Buy American Preference Requirements for AMERACE ISOLATION TRANSFORMERS (L-831 and L-830) manufactured in Ontario, Canada. The isolation transformers that we are coordinating the waiver on are those that are manufactured by only Amerace and a single US manufacturer. These include the L-830-2, -8, -9, -12, -13, -14, -15, -16, -17 and -19; the L-831-2, -5, -8, -9, -11, -14, and -15.

We would favorably review a waiver request for use of the Amerace isolation transformers.

FAA Washington Headquarters

Buy American Part II - Buying Equipment Off A Schedule

If you are planning on acquiring equipment, including ARFF vehicles, snow removal equipment, etc. off of state or local contracts (commonly referred to as a "schedule"), you must meet all federal contracting requirements - including Buy American. This means that you must ensure that any scheduled equipment meets Buy American requirements – which mandates submitting a request for a waiver to FAA if the equipment is less than 100% US steel and manufactured materials. You also still have the responsibility to ensure that the "schedule" equipment meets all other FAA requirements for competitive procurement, record keeping, etc.

FAA Washington Headquarters

FAA Still Says No to Adjustable Stainless Steel Weight-Bearing Light Cans

We are getting information that some engineers are still specifying the adjustable stainless steel, weight-bearing light cans on AIP projects. The certification for these cans was cancelled and none are in for testing for recertification. Therefore, please make sure that the L-868 cans (which are the load bearing cans and extensions) must be fixed, not adjustable when they prepare the bid documents. If you have a project with airside lighting, you may want to double check.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard L. Smith, 202-267-9529.

FAA Washington Headquarters

Pavement Maintenance Programs (PMP)

If you have had a grant that included paving since 1999 you are obligated with a grant assurance to develop and keep a Pavement Maintenance Program. The sponsor must assure the FAA that they have implemented an effective pavement maintenance management program. The amendment also provides for the submittal of reports addressing the pavement condition and the management program.

The requirement to establish a pavement maintenance management program applies to any pavement at the airport, which has been constructed, reconstructed, or repaired, with federal assistance. All grants involving pavement rehabilitation or reconstruction will contain a grant assurance that addresses the pavement maintenance obligation.

An effective pavement maintenance management program is one that details the procedures to be followed to assure that proper pavement maintenance, both preventative and repair, is performed. An airport sponsor may use any form of inspection program it deems appropriate.

An acceptable program must, as a minimum, include the following:

1. Pavement Inventory: The following must be depicted in an appropriate form and level of detail:
 - Location of all runways, taxiways, and aprons
 - Type of pavement

- Dimensions
- Year of construction or most recent major rehabilitation

For compliance with the Airport Improvement Program assurances, pavements that have been constructed, reconstructed, or repaired with Federal financial assistance shall be so identified.

2. Inspection Schedule

- a. Detailed Inspection. A detailed inspection must be performed at least once a year. If a history of recorded pavement deterioration is available, i.e. Pavement Condition Index (PCI) survey as set forth in Advisory Circular 150/5380-6. Guidelines and Procedures for Maintenance of Airport Pavements, the frequency of inspections may be extended to 3 years.
- b. Drive-by Inspection. A drive-by inspection must be performed a minimum of once per month to detect unexpected changes in the pavement condition.

3. Record Keeping: Complete information on the findings of all detailed inspections and on the maintenance performed must be recorded and kept on file for a minimum of five years. The types of distress, their locations, and remedial action, scheduled or performed, must be documented. The minimum information to be recorded is listed below.

- a. Inspection date
- b. Location
- c. Distress types
- d. Maintenance scheduled or performed

For drive-by inspections, the date of inspection and any maintenance performed must be recorded.

4. Information Retrieval: An airport sponsor may use any form of record keeping it deems appropriate, so long as the information and records produced by the pavement survey can be retrieved to provide a report to the FAA as may be required.

5. Reference

Refer to [Advisory Circular 150/5380-6, Guidelines and Procedures for Maintenance of Airport Pavements](#), for specific guidelines and procedures for maintaining airport pavements and establishing an effective maintenance program. Specific types of distress, their probable causes, inspection guidelines, and recommended methods of repair are presented.

For additional guidance and a link to a sample program refer to Central Region [AIP Guide No 1750 Pavement Maintenance](#) (pdf).

Please submit your program or updates to your program to

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Recently Revised or New FAA Publications (a selected list)

- [Change 13 to 150/5300-13, Airport Design](#) (pdf)
- [Addendum for Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program \(June 15, 2008\)](#) (pdf) – Updates to Appendices 1 and 3.
- [Change 2 to AC 150/5340-1J, Standards for Airport Markings](#) (pdf)
- [Ceralert 08-04, Fuel Safety Training - Update](#) (pdf)
- [Engineering Brief No. 44B, Revised Coal-Tar Sealer/Rejuvenator Specification](#) (pdf)
- [AIP Program Guidance Letter 08-04, AIP Eligibility for Snow Removal Equipment \(SRE\)](#) (pdf)
- [Errata Sheet for 150/5210-7D, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Communications](#) (pdf)
- [Errata Sheet for AC 150/5200-28D, Notices to Airmen \(NOTAMs\) for Airport Operators](#) (pdf)
- [Ceralert 08-02, AC 150/5200-28D, Notices to Airmen \(NOTAMs\) for Airport Operators](#) (pdf)
- [150/5210-7D, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Communications \(April 14, 2008\)](#) (pdf)
- [Errata Sheet for AC 150/5370-10C, Standards for Specifying Construction of Airports](#) (pdf)
- [Change 1 to AC 150/5210-20, Ground Vehicle Operations on Airports](#) (pdf)

For a more complete list and to receive automatic e-mail notification of changes, go to [News and New Resources for Airport Projects](#). Click on "Subscribe to this page" to the upper right and provide your e-mail address.

Arrivals and Departures

Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority (MTAA), Topeka, KS

Eric Johnson has had the "Interim" removed from his title as he officially became President/Director of Operations on 6/17/08.

Hays Regional, KS

Brenda Herrman, Director of Public Works, is the acting airport manager.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
July 8-10, 2008	Wildlife Hazard Management Workshop ; Denver, CO
August 19-21, 2008	Bird Strike Committee USA/Canada Meeting BSC-USA and AAAE Orlando, FL
September 16-17, 2008	25th Annual Airports Conference FAA Central Region Airports Division Westin-Crown Center Kansas City, MO