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HOUSE PANEL CLEARS CONTRACT TOWER CONSTRUCTION BILL

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on April 24 approved H.R. 1979, legislation that would make contract tower construction and equipment eligible for Airport Improvement program (AIP) grants.

While Republicans supported the entire bill, Democrats, led by Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.), raised strong objections to a provision that would allow 20 airports that have built contract towers since October 1996 to apply for reimbursement through the AIP program. Oberstar argued that these airports should not receive AIP reimbursement for towers already built.

Committee Chairman Don Young (R-Alaska) and other Republicans argued that these airports took a proactive safety approach by building towers and should have the option to use their entitlements for reimbursement.

Oberstar offered an amendment to strike the reimbursement provision, which was defeated 35-34 on a straight party line vote. The entire bill, including the reimbursement provision, was approved by the full committee by voice vote.

Those voting to support Oberstar's unsuccessful attempt to strike the reimbursement provision were Democrats: Oberstar, Nick Rahall (W.Va.), Robert Borski (Pa.), William Lipinski (Ill.), Peter DeFazio (Ore.), Bob Clement (Tenn.), Jerry Costello (Ill.), Eleanor Norton (District of Columbia), Jerrold Nadler (N.Y.), Robert Menendez (N.J.), Corrine Brown (Fla.), James Barcia (Mich.), Bob Filner (Calif.), Sam Johnson (Texas), Frank Mascara (Pa.), Gene Taylor (Miss.), Juanita Millender-McDonald (Calif.), Elijah Cummings (Md.), Earl Blumenauer (Ore.), Max Sandlin (Texas), Ellen Tauscher (Calif.), William Pascrell (N.J.), Leonard Boswell (Iowa), James McGovern (Mass.), Tim Holden (Pa.), Nicholas Lampson (Texas), John Baldacci (Maine), Marion Berry (Ark.), Brian Baird (Wash.), Shelley Berkley (Nev.), Brad Carson (Okla.), James Matheson (Utah), Michael Honda (Calif.) and Richard Larsen (Wash.).

Those opposing Oberstar's motion were Republicans: Don Young (R-Alaska), Thomas Petri (Wis.), Howard Coble (N.C.), Steve Horn (Calif.), John Mica (Fla.), Jack Quinn (N.Y.), Vernon Ehlers (Mich.), Spencer Bachus (Ala.), Steven LaTourette (Ohio), Sue Kelly (N.Y.), Richard Baker (La.), Bob Ney (Ohio), Frank LoBiondo (N.J.), Jerry Moran (Kan.), Richard Pombo (Calif.), Jim DeMint (S.C.), Mike Simpson (Idaho), Johnny Isakson (Ga.), Robin Hayes (N.C.), Robert Simmons (Conn.), Michael Rogers (Mich.), Shelley Capito (W.Va.), Mark Kirk (Ill.), Henry Brown (S.C.), Timothy Johnson (Ill.), Brian Kerns (Ind.), Dennis Rehberg (Mont.), Todd Platts

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GARVEY, MEAD, CARR TO SPEAK AT CONTRACT TOWER WORKSHOP

USCTA is pleased to announce that FAA Administrator Jane Garvey, DOT Inspector General Ken Mead and NATCA President John Carr will address delegates during the AAAE/USCTA/FAA Contract Tower Workshop, July 14-16, 2002, at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, D.C. *See pages 8-9 of this issue for meeting registration information.*

(Pa.), Samuel Graves (Mo.), C.L. Otter (Idaho), Mark Kennedy (Minn.), John Culberson (Texas), Bill Shuster (Pa.), John Boozman (Ark.) and Mike Sullivan (Okla.).

Republicans on the committee who did not vote were: Sherwood Boehlert (N.Y.), John Duncan (Tenn.), Wayne Gilchrest (Md.), John Thune (S.D.), Doug Bereuter (Neb.) and Michael Ferguson (N.J.).

Rep. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) introduced the legislation and, as of May 1, 77 members signed on as co-sponsors. They are: Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Michael Ross (D-Ark.), Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.), Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.), Ed Pastor (D-Ariz.), Bob Stump (R-Ariz), John Doolittle (R-Calif.), Wally Herger (R-Calif.), Mark Udall (D-Colo.), Ric Keller (R-Fla.), Carrie Meek (D-Fla.), Clay Shaw (R-Fla.), Karen Thurman (D-Fla.), Dave Weldon (R-Fla.), Bob Barr (R-Ga.), Sanford Bishop (D-Ga.), Jack Kingston (R-Ga.), Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.), Charles Norwood (R-Ga.), Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii), Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), Lane Evans (D-Ill.), Mark Kirk (R-Ill.), Tim Johnson (R-Ill.), Ray LaHood (R-Ill.),), Jerry Weller (R-Ill.), Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), Mike Pence (R-Ind.), Dennis Moore (D-Kan.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Jim Ryun (R-Kan.), Todd Tiahrt (R-Kan.), John Cooksey (R-La.), Jim McCrery (R-La.), Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.), Charles Pickering (R-Miss.), Ronnie Shows (D-Miss.), Gene Taylor (D-Miss.), Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), Ike Skelton (D-Mo.), Dennis Rehberg (R-Mont.), Cass Ballenger (R-N.C.), Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Thomas Osborne (R-Neb.), Heather Wilson (R-N.M.), John McHugh (R-N.Y.), James Gibbons (R-Nev.), Wes Watkins (R-Okla.), J.C. Watts (R-Okla.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), Darlene Hooley (D-Ore.), Philip English (R-Pa.), Melissa Hart (R-Pa.), Tim Holden (D-Pa.), John Peterson (R-Pa.), Henry Brown (R-S.C.), Jim DeMint (R-S.C.), Joe Wilson (R-S.C.), Bart Gordon (D-Tenn.), Joe Barton (R-Texas), Henry Bonilla (R-Texas), Tom DeLay (R-Texas), Martin Frost (D-Texas), Ralph Hall (D-Texas), Charles Stenholm (D-Texas), William Thornberry (R-Texas), Chris Cannon (R-Utah), Eric Cantor (R-Va.), Virgil Goode (I-Va.), Jennifer Dunn (R-Wash.), Doc Hastings (R-Wash.), George Nethercutt (R-Wash.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Barbara Cubin (R-Wyo.).

Airports eligible for reimbursement under the legislation as approved by the committee are: Chandler, Ariz.; Laughlin/Bullhead City, Ariz.; Bentonville, Ark.; Waterbury/Oxford, Conn.; Boca Raton, Fla.; Kissimmee, Fla.; St. Augustine, Fla.; Savoonga (Stuart) Fla.; Titusville/Cocoa Beach, Fla.; Gwinnett County, Ga.; Garden City, Kan.; Manhattan, Kan.; Salisbury, Md.; Tupelo, Miss.; Gallatin Field, Mont.; Kalispell, Mont.; Concord, N.C.; New Bern, N.C.; Sugarland, Texas, and Jackson Hole, Wy.

AVIATION GROUPS SEEK FUNDING FOR CONTRACT TOWERS

A number of aviation organizations, including AAAE and the U.S. Contract Tower Association, have written to the leadership of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, voicing support for $78 million in funding for FAA's Contract Tower Program and $6 million for the contract tower cost-sharing program in the fiscal year 2003 DOT/FAA appropriations bill.

The organizations noted that 217 airports in 46 states currently participate in the contract tower program, which has benefitted from consistent bipartisan backing in Congress. The track record of the program at visual flight rule airports, which dates back to 1982, shows that it improves ATC safety, efficiency and security; enhances regional airline service opportunities in rural areas; provides some $50 million in annual ATC cost avoidance, and increases economic productivity in smaller communities nationwide, they said. Further, the program's track record has been validated in several comprehensive audits by DOT's Inspector General and is endorsed by participating airports and aviation system users.

Other organizations that signed the letters are the Air Transport Association, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Regional Airline Association, National Business Aviation Association, ACI-NA, Cargo Airline Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, National Air Transportation Association, Air Traffic Control Association and the National Air Carrier Association.

CONTRACT TOWER COST-SHARING ATTRACTS NUMBER OF AIRPORTS

Twenty facilities were participating in FAA's contract tower cost-sharing program as of May 1.

They are: New Century Air Center (Kan.), Manhattan (Kan.), Garden City (Kan.), Central Nebraska/Grand Island (Neb.), Bolton Field (Ohio), McKellar-Sipes Regional (Tenn.), Hickory Regional (N.C.), Concord (N.C.), Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach (S.C.), Springdale Municipal (Ark.), South Lake Tahoe (Calif.), Shreveport

Downtown (La.), Muncie (Ind.), Columbus (Ind.), Bloomington (Ind.), Henderson (Nev.), Jefferson City (Mo.), Latrobe (Pa.), Victorville (Calif.) and Stillwater (Okla.).

Other towers expected in the near future to participate in the cost-sharing program are: Beaver County (Pa.), Olive Branch (Miss.), and Knoxville Downtown (Tenn.).

For information on contract tower cost-sharing, contact your FAA regional representative (listed on page 7 in this issue), or Willie Card, FAA Contract Tower Program manager, at (202) 267-9336, or fax (202) 493-5016.

CONTRACT TOWER ASSOCIATION GAINS FOUR NEW MEMBERS

The newest members of USCTA are New Smyrna Beach (Fla.) Municipal Airport, Valdosta (Ga.) Regional Airport, Eastern Oregon Regional Airport and Weather Services International, Inc.

Spencer Dickerson, executive vice president of AAAE, is executive director of the USCTA. Consultants to USCTA are Linda Hall Daschle and Bert Randall of Baker Donelson Bearman & Caldwell; Patrick McCann of McCann Capitol Advocates, and Larry Barnett of AB Management Associates.

Members of the 2002 USCTA Policy Board are: Jack Schelter, A.A.E., deputy director of aviation, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, chair; Bryan Elliott, A.A.E., executive director, Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority (Va.); James Hansford, A.A.E., manager, Central Wisconsin Airport; Tim Rogers, A.A.E., executive director, Salina Airport Authority (Kan.); Ted Soliday, executive director, Naples, Airport Authority (Fla.); Steve Stockam, manager, Joplin Regional Airport (Mo.); Michael Covalt, manager, Flagstaff Pulliam Airport (Ariz.); Lynn Kusy, executive director, Williams Gateway Airport (Ariz.); Walt Strong, C.M., administrator, Max Westheimer Airport (Okla.); Richard Howell, A.A.E., director, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport; Bill Gatchell, C.M., airports supervisor, Lea County Airports (N.M.); Jerry O'Sullivan, manager, Greenbrier Valley Airport (W. Va.); Richard Baird, manager, Freidman Memorial Airport (Idaho); Robert Bryant, A.A.E., manager, Salisbury-Ocean City-Wicomico Regional (Md.); Steve Harvey, director of operations, Chennault International (La.); Scott Carr, C.M., deputy executive director, Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority, (Fla.); Shane Cordes, president and CEO, Midwest ATC; Steve Christmas, vice president-aviation, Serco Management Services; Will Mowdy, director-ATC services, RVA, and Brian Lally, vice president/manager engineering services, AJT & Assoc.

The following are members of the association: state of Alaska, Hawaii Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Aviation, Mobile Downtown Airport (Ala.), City of Phoenix Aviation Department (Ariz.), Mesa/Williams Gateway (Ariz.), Flagstaff (Ariz.) Pulliam Airport, Laughlin/Bullhead City, (Ariz.) International, Tucson (Ariz.) Airport Authority, Sacramento (Calif.) County Department of Airports, San Luis Obispo County Airport (Calif.), Modesto City-County Airport (Calif.), Los Angeles County Aviation Division (Calif.), Ramona Airport-County of San Diego (Calif.), San Diego (Calif.) Brown Field, Redding (Calif.) Municipal Airport, Salinas (Calif.) Municipal Airport, Santa Maria Public Airport District (Calif.), Eagle County (Colo.) Regional, Waterbury-Oxford Airport (Conn.), Boca Raton Airport (Fla.), Jacksonville/Craig (Fla.) Airport, Kissimmee (Fla.), Martin County Stuart/Whitham Airport (Fla.), Naples Municipal Airport (Fla.), New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport (Fla.), Titusville-Cocoa Airport (Fla.), Page Field (Fla.), Lakeland (Fla.) Linder Regional Airport, Vandenberg Airport (Tampa, Fla.), Southwest Georgia Regional Airport, Cobb County-McCollum Field Airport (Ga.), Valdosta Regional Airport (Ga.), Friedman Memorial Airport (Idaho), Idaho Falls Regional Airport (Idaho), Pocatello Regional Airport (Idaho), Waukegan Regional Airport (Ill.), Quincy (Ill.) Municipal Airport, Southern Illinois Airport, St. Louis Regional Airport (Ill.), Williamson County Regional Airport (Ill.), Delaware County Airport (Muncie, Ind.), Columbus Municipal Airport (Ind.), Johnson County Municipal Airport (Kan.), Salina Municipal Airport (Kan.), Manhattan (Kan.) Regional Airport, Garden City Regional Airport (Kan.), Paducah Airport (Ky.), Shreveport Downtown Airport (La.), Alexandria International Airport (La.), Chennault International Airport (La.), Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico (Md.) Regional Airport, Martin State

GIVE US A CALL!

We're looking for news articles and press releases about your contract tower to publish in this newsletter. Please forward them to Barbara Cook at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 133, or e-mail barbara.cook@airportnet.org.

Airport (Md.), Worcester (Mass.) Regional Airport, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission (Anoka County Airport), St. Cloud Regional Airport (Minn.), W.K. Kellogg Airport (Mich.), Jackson Municipal (Miss.), Olive Branch Municipal Airport (Miss.), Tupelo Regional Airport (Miss.), Columbia Regional Airport (Mo.), Joplin Regional Airport (Mo.), Jefferson City Memorial Airport (Mo.), Rosecrans Memorial Airport (Mo.), Glacier Park (Mont.) International, Gallatin Field (Mont.), Missoula (Mont.), Central Nebraska Regional Airport, Henderson (Nev.) Executive Airport, Lebanon (N.H.) Municipal, Nashua (N.H.) Airport Authority, Lea County Airports (N.M.), Double Eagle II Airport (N.M.), Concord Regional Airport (N.C.), Craven Regional Airport (N.C.), Kinston Regional Jetport (N.C.), Hickory Regional Airport (N.C.), Smith Reynolds Airport (N.C.), Bolton Field (Ohio), Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport (Ohio), Cuyahoga County Airport (Ohio), Cincinnati Municipal-Lunken Airport (Ohio), Ohio State University Airport (Ohio), Max Westheimer Field (Okla.), Eastern Oregon Regional Airport, Redmond Municipal Airport (Ore.), Rogue Valley (Ore.) International, Arnold Palmer Regional Airport (Latrobe, Pa.), Capital City Airport (Pa.), Greenville Downtown Airport (S.C.), Hilton Head (S.C.), Horry County Department of Airports (S.C.), Smyrna Rutherford County (Tenn.), Jackson Madison County Airport (Tenn.), Arlington Municipal Airport (Texas), Denton Municipal Airport (Texas), Ellington Field (Texas), Stinson Municipal Airport (Texas), Laredo International Airport (Texas), Harlingen Valley International (Texas), Brownsville/South Padre Island International (Texas), Grand Prairie Municipal Airport (Texas), Spinks Airport (Texas), Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport (Va.), Lynchburg Regional Airport (Va.), Spokane (Wash.), Walla Walla Municipal Airport (Wash.), Olympia Airport (Wash.), Wheeling-Ohio County Airport (W.Va.), Wood County Airport (W. Va.), Greenbrier Valley Airport (W.Va.), Wood County Airport (W. Va.), Chippewa Valley (Wis.) Regional Airport, Kenosha Regional Airport (Wis.). Milwaukee Timmerman (Wis.) Airport, LaCrosse Municipal (Wis.), Central Wisconsin Airport (Wis.), Outagamie County Regional Airport (Wis.), Waukesha County Airport (Wis.), Cheyenne Airport (Wyo.), Jackson Hole Airport (Wyo.), AJT & Associates Inc., American Airport Technologies, CML ATC Technologies, Litton Denro, Lockheed Martin ATM, Marsh USA, Midwest Air Traffic Control Services Inc., Quadrex Associates, Raytheon Company-Air Traffic Management Systems, RVA Inc., Serco Management Services and Weather Services International Inc.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT FAA'S CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM

Committee Rebuts Effort
To Pull XNA Reimbursement Dollars
The Bentonville Morning News, April 25

A House committee narrowly defeated an amendment Wednesday that would have barred the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport from tapping into federal funds to pay for its air traffic control tower.

The Arkansas airport is one of about 20 airports seeking to use money it receives each year from the Federal Aviation Administration to reimburse itself the $677,000 it spent to build the 57-foot, 11-inch tower four years ago.

Democrats said paying airports for work already completed is "bad policy" and could drain airport funds earmarked for other projects, such as runway extensions and security measures.

"Every airport needs more money and since that particular facility is already built we should apply that money to other capital needs," said Rep. Marion Berry, D-Gillett, who voted against allowing the Highfill airport to get a reimbursement.

"This is a windfall benefit to some 26 eligible airports," added Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.). "The idea we should go back and compensate people for something they knew they wouldn't be reimbursed for and to use scarce dollars for reimbursement is not consonant with good aviation policy."

Oberstar warned lawmakers who vote to reimburse airports they should not ask for additional federal funding.

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USCTA ANNUAL REPORT, DUES INFORMATION SENT TO MEMBERS

Information on U.S. Contract Tower Association (USCTA) membership dues for 2002 has been mailed to each member, along with a copy of the 2001 USCTA Annual Report. For USCTA membership information, contact Spencer Dickerson at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 130. If you would like additional copies of the 2001 USCTA Annual Report, e-mail sdickerson@airportnet.org.

FAA CONTRACT TOWERS

(217 towers as of May 1, 2002. Towers marked with an asterisk are part of the cost-sharing program.)

AIRPORT NAME	FAA REGION	STATE
Bethel	AAL	AK
Kenai Municipal	AAL	AK
King Salmon	AAL	AK
Kodiak	AAL	AK
Dubuque	ACE	IA
Forbes Field (Topeka)	ACE	KS
*Garden City	ACE	KS
Hutchinson Mun.	ACE	KS
Johnson Co. Exec.	ACE	KS
Philip Billard Mun. (Topeka)	ACE	KS
*Manhattan	ACE	KS
*New Century Air Center (Olathe)	ACE	KS
Salina Municipal	ACE	KS
Columbia	ACE	MO
*Jefferson City	ACE	MO
Joplin Regional	ACE	MO
Rosecrans Mem'l (St. Joseph)	ACE	MO
*Central Neb. (Grand Island)	ACE	NE
Martin State (Baltimore)	AEA	MD
Washington Co. (Hagerstown)	AEA	MD
Salisbury-Wicomico	AEA	MD
Trenton	AEA	NJ
Tompkins County	AEA	NY
Niagara Falls	AEA	NY
Oneida County	AEA	NY
Stewart	AEA	NY
Capital City (Harrisburg)	AEA	PA
Lancaster	AEA	PA
*Latrobe	AEA	PA
Williamsport/Lycoming Co.	AEA	PA
Charlottesville-Albemarle	AEA	VA
Lynchburg	AEA	VA
Greenbrier Valley	AEA	WV
Morgantown	AEA	WV
Parkersburg	AEA	WV
Wheeling Ohio Co.	AEA	WV
Bloomington/Normal	AGL	IL
Decatur	AGL	IL
Meigs Field (Chicago)	AGL	IL
St. Louis Regional	AGL	IL
So. Illinois/Carbondale	AGL	IL
Waukegan Regional	AGL	IL
Williamson County (Marion)	AGL	IL
*Bloomington	AGL	IN
*Columbus Municipal	AGL	IN
Gary Regional	AGL	IN
*Muncie/Delaware County	AGL	IN
Battle Creek	AGL	MI
Detroit City	AGL	MI
Jackson	AGL	MI
Anoka (Minneapolis)	AGL	MN
Minot	AGL	ND
*Bolton Field (Columbus)	AGL	OH
Burke Lakefront (Cleveland)	AGL	OH
Ohio State University	AGL	OH
Lunken Mun. (Cincinnati)	AGL	OH
Cuyahoga County (Cleveland)	AGL	OH
Rapid City Regional	AGL	SD
Appleton	AGL	WI
Central Wisconsin	AGL	WI
Kenosha Municipal	AGL	WI
Lacrosse	AGL	WI
Rock County (Janesville)	AGL	WI
Timmerman (Milwaukee)	AGL	WI
Waukesha County Airport	AGL	WI
Wittman Regional (Oshkosh)	AGL	WI
Bridgeport	ANE	CT
Danbury	ANE	CT
New London (Groton)	ANE	CT
Brainard (Hartford)	ANE	CT
Tweed-New Haven	ANE	CT
Waterbury/Oxford	ANE	CT
Barnes Municipal	ANE	MA
Beverly	ANE	MA
Hyannis	ANE	MA
Lawrence	ANE	MA
Martha's Vineyard	ANE	MA
New Bedford	ANE	MA
Norwood	ANE	MA
Worcester	ANE	MA
Boire Field (Nashua)	ANE	NH
Lebanon Municipal	ANE	NH
Eagle County	ANM	CO
Grand Junction	ANM	CO
Friedman Memorial (Hailey)	ANM	ID
Idaho Falls	ANM	ID
Lewiston-Nez Perce Co.	ANM	ID
Pocatello Municipal	ANM	ID
Gallatin Field (Bozeman)	ANM	MT
Kalispell	ANM	MT
Missoula	ANM	MT
Klamath Falls	ANM	OR
McNary Field (Salem)	ANM	OR
Medford	ANM	OR
Pendleton	ANM	OR
Redmond	ANM	OR
Troutdale (Portland)	ANM	OR
Ogden-Hinckley	ANM	UT
Bellingham Int'l	ANM	WA
Felts Field (Spokane)	ANM	WA
Olympia	ANM	WA
Renton	ANM	WA
Tacoma Narrows	ANM	WA
Walla Walla Regional	ANM	WA
Yakima	ANM	WA
Cheyenne	ANM	WY
Jackson Hole	ANM	WY

AIRPORT NAME	FAA REGION	STATE
Dothan	ASO	AL
Brookley (Mobile)	ASO	AL
Tuscaloosa Municipal	ASO	AL
Albert Whitted (St. Petersburg)	ASO	FL
Boca Raton	ASO	FL
Cecil Field	ASO	FL
Gainesville	ASO	FL
Hollywood	ASO	FL
Craig (Jacksonville)	ASO	FL
Key West	ASO	FL
Kissimmee	ASO	FL
Lakeland Municipal	ASO	FL
Melbourne	ASO	FL
Naples	ASO	FL
Opa Locka	ASO	FL
Page Field	ASO	FL
Panama City/Bay Co.	ASO	FL
Pompano Beach	ASO	FL
Stuart/Whitham	ASO	FL
Titusville/Cocoa	ASO	FL
Athens Municipal	ASO	GA
Fulton County	ASO	GA
Gwinnett County	ASO	GA
Macon	ASO	GA
McCollum	ASO	GA
SW Georgia/Albany-Dougherty	ASO	GA
Valdosta Municipal	ASO	GA
Barkley Regional (Paducah)	ASO	KY
Owensboro/Daviess Co.	ASO	KY
Greenville Municipal	ASO	MS
Hawkins Field (Jackson)	ASO	MS
Meridian/Key Field	ASO	MS
Tupelo Regional	ASO	MS
*Concord	ASO	NC
Kingston	ASO	NC
New Bern	ASO	NC
Smith Reynolds (Winston-Salem)	ASO	NC
*Hickory Regional	ASO	NC
Isla Grande	ASO	Puerto Rico
*Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach	ASO	SC
Greenville Downtown	ASO	SC
Millington	ASO	TN
Smyrna	ASO	TN
*McKeller-Sipes (Jackson)	ASO	TN
Henry E. Rohlsen (St. Croix)	ASO	Virgin Islands
Fayetteville	ASW	AR
Northwest Arkansas Regional	ASW	AR
*Springdale	ASW	AR
Texarkana Mun./Webb Field	ASW	AR
Acadiana Regional	ASW	LA
Chennault	ASW	LA
Houma	ASW	LA
Alexandria	ASW	LA
*Shreveport Downtown	ASW	LA
Farmington Municipal	ASW	NM
Lea County/Hobbs	ASW	NM
Santa Fe Co. Mun.	ASW	NM
Ardmore Municipal	ASW	OK
Enid Woodring Mun.	ASW	OK
Lawton Municipal	ASW	OK
Univ. of Oklahoma/Westheimer	ASW	OK
*Stillwater	ASW	OK
Wiley Post	ASW	OK
Brownsville Int'l	ASW	TX
Easterwood	ASW	TX
Grand Prairie	ASW	TX
Laredo International	ASW	TX
McAllen	ASW	TX
McKinney Municipal	ASW	TX
Redbird	ASW	TX
Rio Grande Valley (Harlingen)	ASW	TX
San Angelo	ASW	TX
Stinson Municipal (San Antonio)	ASW	TX
Sugar Land	ASW	TX
Tyler	ASW	TX
Waco	ASW	TX
Chandler	AWP	AZ
Flagstaff Pulliam	AWP	AZ
Glendale	AWP	AZ
Goodyear (Phoenix)	AWP	AZ
Laughlin/Bullhead City	AWP	AZ
Mesa/Williams Gateway	AWP	AZ
Ryan (Tucson)	AWP	AZ
Chico	AWP	CA
Fullerton	AWP	CA
Hawthorne	AWP	CA
Mather (Sacramento)	AWP	CA
Modesto	AWP	CA
Oxnard	AWP	CA
Palmdale	AWP	CA
Redding Municipal	AWP	CA
Riverside	AWP	CA
Sacramento Executive	AWP	CA
Salinas Municipal	AWP	CA
San Carlos	AWP	CA
Brown Field (San Diego)	AWP	CA
San Luis Obispo	AWP	CA
Santa Maria	AWP	CA
*South Lake Tahoe	AWP	CA
*Victorville	AWP	CA
Whiteman (Lancaster)	AWP	CA
William J. Fox (Los Angeles)	AWP	CA
Agana	AWP	Guam
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He listed four airports with spending requests before the committee, including Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, which is seeking $56 million for construction, perimeter fencing and development of another runway.

"You paid all this money for something that wasn't eligible, so don't come back and say there wasn't enough money to build that runway," Oberstar said.

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, also known as XNA, received $2.6 million in airport improvement funds for fiscal 2002, according to the FAA.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee voted along party lines, 35-34 against a Democrat effort to strip the "payback" provision.

"I believe the amendment penalizes small airports," said Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), the committee chair. "If they had delayed (building towers) we don't know what would have happened."

Rep. John Boozman, R-Rogers, who represents Northwest Arkansas, said airports should be permitted to use federal dollars for projects they see fit.

"For me, it's an issue of local control," Boozman said. "We should allow an airport to use that money for the projects it wants."

The bill has the support of airport managers, including XNA head Kelly Johnson, who said last week the legislation also would enable the airports to upgrade their tower equipment, another expense now paid for by the local airports.

"The airports feel strongly that they took a proactive stance to enhance airport safety at a time when they didn't have a tower and weren't able to get any money from the federal government," said Spencer Dickerson, executive director of the American Association of Airport Executives. "They used their own money."

The Senate approved an air traffic control tower bill last year, but it would not permit XNA from collecting money for its tower.

Contract Tower Backers Want 10% Funding Boost In Fiscal 2003

Airports Newsletter, April 30

Eleven aviation groups have banded together to urge House and Senate appropriators to provide more funding for the contract tower program in the fiscal 2003 budget, and to continue funding a separate cost-sharing account to ensure those operations can continue. Groups joining the American Association of Airport Executives and the U.S. Contract Tower Association in a letter sent to key lawmakers include the Regional Airline Association, the Air Transport Association, Airports Council International-North America and the National Air Transportation Association.

The contract tower program allows towers, typically smaller ones, to be run by private firms at lower cost than an FAA operation, allowing towers to operate that might otherwise have to close. The groups asked appropriators, who make most of the final spending decisions before sending bills to the floors of the House and Senate, to provide $78 million for the contract tower program for fiscal 2003, which would allow some additional non-federal towers to be added to the program and permit some new towers to be built, Spencer Dickerson, executive vice president at AAAE and executive director of the U.S. Contract Tower Association, told *Airports*. That compares to $70.5 million in the current budget. The groups's $6 million cost-sharing program recommendation would fund this in 2003 at the same level as currently. Cost-sharing splits the cost between the local operator and the FAA according to a cost-benefit formula. Twenty-one towers are in that program, and more than 200 airports in 46 states are in the entire contract tower program.

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Contract Tower Program has been in place since 1982 and currently provides for the contract operation of air traffic control (ATC) services at 210 control towers. The program continues to receive high marks from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Inspector General (IG), Congress and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). FAA is also implementing the cost-sharing program for some airports that fall below the eligibility criteria for contract towers.

To assist airports that currently are in the contract tower program and those that are interested in participating in the program, FAA headquarters, AAAE and AAAE's affiliate organization the U.S. Contract Tower Association (USCTA) are pleased to present a special management workshop on the contract tower program, July 14-16, 2002, in Washington, D.C.

Airport management at current contract towers, non-federal control towers, ATC companies, aviation users and other officials interested in the contract tower program do not want to miss this special opportunity to learn more about this program. Speakers will include airport directors from facilities that currently have contract towers, FAA, representatives from controller organizations, congressional staff, NTSB and DOT IG staff and officials from ATC companies.

Topics for the workshop will include procedures and plans for future contract towers; the status of the NATCA lawsuit; the contract tower cost-sharing program; the role of the local airport operator and FAA in the contract tower program; contract tower liability insurance issues; review of the benefit/cost criteria used in the program; perspective of the program from the viewpoint of controllers and aviation users; tower maintenance issues; the Congress', DOT IG's and NTSB's perspective on the program; contract tower equipment issues; an update on how ATC companies operate, and future contract tower issues and trends. Airports and FAA representatives will have ample time to discuss and debate the challenges associated with the program. Past workshops have resulted in substantive changes and enhancements to the program from an airport operator perspective.

Time is reserved after 2 p.m. on Monday, July 15, for individual airports to meet with their congressional representatives about the importance of the contract tower program. These meetings are encouraged and should be set up prior to coming to the workshop. Call Spencer Dickerson , AAAE/USCTA , (703) 824-0500, Ext. 130, if you need any assistance.

All sessions will take place at the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. This special management workshop will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. (early registration will begin at 6 p.m.) Sunday, July 14. Workshop sessions will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, July 15, and end at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16.

The registration fees include all handouts, coffee breaks, one lunch and the welcome reception. Confirmation of your registration will be faxed prior to the meeting. For additional registration information, contact Kate Hood, AAAE, at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 174, or e-mail kate.hood@airportnet.org. For further program information, contact Spencer Dickerson at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 130, or e-mail spencer.dickerson@airportnet.org. Table top displays and sponsorship opportunities are also available. **Contact Spencer Dickerson** at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 130, or e-mail spencer.dickerson@airportnet.org.

AGENDA

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SUNDAY, JULY 14	
6-6:30 p.m.	Registration
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Opening Reception
MONDAY, JULY 15	
8:45-9 a.m.	Welcome & Workshop Overview
9-9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address
9:30-11:30 a.m.	FAA Update of the Contract Tower Program
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Contract Tower Operations from the Perspective of NATCA
12:15-1:45 p.m.	Luncheon
2-5 p.m.	Individual Meetings with Congressional Offices
TUESDAY, JULY 16	
8:30-9 a.m.	Contract Tower Program from the Perspective of Congress
9-9:45 a.m.	ATC Contractors' Perspective & Customer Service Initiatives
9:45-10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Case Studies of Current Contract Towers
11:15 a.m. - Noon	Contract Tower Operations from the Perspective of the DOT Inspector General and the NTSB
Noon -12:30 p.m.	Open Discussion
12:30 p.m.	Workshop Adjournment

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Hotel reservations—Rooms are being held at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20004, phone (202) 628-9100. All attendees will receive a special rate of $164 single/double occupancy. **Reservations must be made by July 5, 2002, in order to guarantee these rates.** Reservations made after this date can only be honored on a space available basis. To make your hotel reservations, call 800-327-0200, or call the hotel directly at (202) 628-9100 and identify yourself as part of the AAAE group.
Airline reservations—American Airlines and Delta Air Lines Inc. have been selected as the official air carriers for this meeting. Attendees can receive 10% off American's and Delta's full coach fare or 5% off all other published fares. Rules and restrictions apply. To take advantage of American's and Delta's special fares, call American Airlines directly at (800) 433-1790 from 6 a.m.-1 a.m. eastern standard time daily and refer to star file 1972AC; call Delta Air Lines directly at (800) 241-6760 from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. eastern standard time daily and refer to file number 181724A.
Ground transportation—A taxicab ride from Reagan Washington National Airport to the Willard Hotel is approximately $13 each way and takes approximately 15-20 minutes. The hotel is located two blocks from the Metro Center stop on the blue, orange and red Metro (subway) lines. From Reagan Washington National Airport, take the blue line to Metro Center, then use the 12th Street Exit and walk two blocks to 14th Street. Avis Rent A Car is the official rental car company for this meeting. To make reservations or for further information, please call (800) 331-1600 and reference J097316.

NOTE: AAAE reserves the right to cancel this program if the number of registrants is insufficient. In this event, we will notify all registrants and refund the registration fee in full. **However, any costs incurred by the registrant, such as hotel cancellation or airline penalties, are the responsibility of the registrant**. Confirmation letters will be faxed to attendees.

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(includes all handouts, the opening reception and one luncheon)

1. ❑All attendees.....$360
2. ❑ARDF* members.....$340
3. ❑US Contract Tower Association member..... $180 (full dues-paying USCTA members)

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The new control tower at Montana's Glacier Park International Airport (left photo). The tower during the construction phase is shown below. For more information, contact Airport Manager Monte Eliason at (406) 257-5994, or e-mail monte@glacierairport.com.

Don't miss contract tower events at the AAAE Annual Conference

Dallas, Texas, May 19-22

USCTA general membership meeting
10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21

Contract Tower Session
11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22

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