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## COST-SHARING APPROVED FOR CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM

Congress approved a \$6 million cost-sharing provision for FAA's Contract Tower Program for fiscal year 1999 for contract towers that fall below the 1.0 benefit/cost ratio. The agreement was part of the omnibus spending bill signed by the President on Oct. 21.

Language in the bill also directed FAA to fully fund the base contract tower program at the requested level of \$47.3 million.

AAAE and the U.S. Contract Tower Association (USCTA) supported the cost-sharing concept, reasoning that it would enhance aviation safety by enabling airports with control towers that fall just below FAA's eligibility criteria to participate in the program.

USCTA Executive Director and AAAE Executive Vice President Spencer Dickerson commended the congressional conferees for including the contract tower cost-sharing program in the final bill that was signed by the President. Dickerson commented that

AAAE/USCTA "are looking forward to working with FAA and airports to implement this innovative partnership, which will enhance aviation safety in a cost-effective manner."

In an earlier discussion of the cost-sharing proposal in the Senate, Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), chairman of the transportation appropriations subcommittee, said the contract tower program has proven to be a "very cost-effective" way for FAA and local airports to work as partners to improve air traffic safety in many smaller communities. He added that, "In fact, the Department of Transportation Inspector General recently determined that the program provides quality air traffic control services at a lower cost compared to the FAA. This cost-sharing program would enable some airports that fall just below the eligibility criteria for a contract tower to retain their air traffic control services by paying for a share of the costs. The committee believes that this program will improve aviation safety in small communities at a minimal expense to the FAA."

Sen. Slade Gorton (R-Wash.), chairman of the aviation subcommittee, also praised the proposal, noting that it would allow airports in his state, such as Olympia and Felts Field, "to maintain their contract towers and, therefore, not diminish the current level of safety."

As finally approved by Congress, the funding bill also directed FAA to study the prospect of extending the contract tower program to existing air traffic control towers without radar capability. That study should

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identify potential cost savings and other benefits, including the positive impact on controller staffing at busier FAA air traffic facilities, lawmakers said. FAA is to submit this report to the House and Senate appropriations committees within 90 days. The report is to include a plan and timeline for expanding the contract tower program to these facilities by the year 2000.

## FAA NEARS COMPLETION OF REQUIRED COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

FAA is expected shortly to complete the A-76 cost/benefit analysis for the contract tower program that was ordered by Judge Ann Aldrich in a March 2 decision. Aldrich ruled that FAA did not comply with Office of Management and Budget regulations requiring federal agencies to first determine whether services should be performed by federal employees before contracting them out to private parties.

Meanwhile, Aldrich has not yet ruled on a subsequent motion from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) requesting an order to force FAA to take back operation of the air traffic control towers currently in its contract tower program.

NATCA argued that the court's decision vacated FAA's ability to privatize Level I towers.

Federal attorneys, in a filing on behalf of FAA, told the court that the March 2 ruling "did not enter a mandatory injunction ordering defendants to dismantle the privatization program but, instead, vacated defendants' previous privatization decision and remanded the issue to the agency for compliance with the procedures set forth in Circular A-76." If the court had intended FAA to dismantle the contract tower program, that intention would have been made clear in the March 2 decision, they said. The government also noted that retaking federal control of the towers already contracted out would be "exceedingly costly and injurious to public safety."

## USCTA REACHES 68 AIRPORTS, FIVE COMPANIES, STATE OF ALASKA

The U.S. Contract Tower Association now has 68 airport members, five companies and the state of Alaska.

USCTA receives oversight from a Policy Board comprised of the following members: Roger Engstrom, A.A.E., (Mobile, Ala.), Jack Schelter, A.A.E., (Phoenix, Ariz.), Ted Soliday (Naples, Fla.), Richard

Baird (Hailey, Idaho), Tim Rogers, A.A.E., (Salina, Kan.), Ron Craft (Jefferson City, Mo.), Steve Stockam (Joplin, Mo.), Steve Brian (Brunswick, Ga.), Bryan Elliott, A.A.E., (Charlottesville, Va.), Glenn Januska, A.A.E., (Waukesha, Wis.) and James Hansford, A.A.E., (Mosinee, Wis.). Shane Cordes of Midwest ATC serves as an ex-officio member of the Policy Board. Spencer Dickerson, executive vice president of AAAE, serves as executive director of the USCTA. Consultants to the association are Linda Hall Daschle and Bert Randall of Baker, Donelson; Patrick McCann of the Wexler, Group and Larry Barnett of AB Management Associates.

The following are the members of the association: state of Alaska; Mobile Downtown Airport (Ala.), City of Phoenix Aviation Department (Ariz.), Mesa/Williams Gateway (Ariz.), Glendale Municipal Airport (Ariz.), Flagstaff (Ariz.) Pulliam Airport, San Carlos Airport (Calif.), San Luis Obispo County Airport (Calif.), Modesto City-County Airport (Calif.), Los Angeles County Aviation Division (Calif.), Ramona Airport-County of San Diego (Calif.), Salinas (Calif.) Municipal Airport, Eagle County (Colo.) Regional, Boca Raton Airport (Fla.), Martin County Airport (Fla.), Naples Municipal Airport (Fla.), Titusville-Cocoa Airport (Fla.), Page Field (Fla.), Lakeland (Fla.) Linder Regional Airport, Vandenberg Airport (Fla.), Southwest Georgia Regional Airport, Glynco Jetport (Ga.), Friedman Memorial Airport (Idaho), Pocatello (Idaho) Regional Airport, Columbus (Ind.) Municipal Airport, Waukegan Regional Airport (Ill.), Meigs Field (Ill.), St. Louis Regional Airport (Ill.), Williamson County Regional Airport (Ill.), Johnson County Municipal Airport (Kan.), Salina Municipal Airport (Kan.), Manhattan (Kan.) Regional Airport, Bowling Green (Ky.), Barkley Regional Airport (Ky.), Martin State Airport (Md.), Westfield Barnes Airport (Mass.), Joplin Regional Airport (Mo.), Jefferson City Memorial Airport (Mo.), Cape Girardeau Regional (Mo.), Gallatin Field (Mont.), Missoula (Mont.), Central Nebraska Regional Airport; Henderson (Nev.) Executive Airport, Kinston Regional Jetport (N.C.), Hickory Regional Airport (N.C.), Ohio State University in Columbus; Bolton Field (Ohio); Burke Lakefront Airport (Ohio), Cuyahoga County Airport (Ohio), Max Westheimer Field (Okla.), Redmond Municipal Airport (Ore.), Greenville Downtown Airport (S.C.), Hilton Head (S.C.), Smyrna Rutherford County (Tenn.), Stinson Municipal Airport (Texas), Laredo International Airport (Texas), Harlingen Valley International (Texas), Brownsville/South Padre Island In-

ternational (Texas), Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport (Va.), Walla Walla Municipal Airport (Wash.), Olympia Airport (Wash.), Wheeling-Ohio County Airport (W.Va.), Greenbrier Valley Airport (W.Va.), Milwaukee Timmerman (Wis.) Airport, LaCrosse (Wis.) Municipal, Central Wisconsin Airport (Wis.), Waukesha County Airport (Wis.), Cheyenne (Wyo.) Airport, Midwest Air Traffic Control Services, Inc., COMARCO Airport Services, Serco Management Services, RVA Inc. and Hoyle, Tanner and Associates Inc.

Airports and companies interested in joining the organization should contact Spencer Dickerson of AAAE at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 130.

### COMPANY OFFERS ANALYSIS OF FAA B/C CALCULATION

Quadrex Associates, in connection with USCTA, is offering a consulting service to airports with contract towers that provides a detailed analysis of the information used by FAA to calculate the tower's benefit/cost ratio. The service also offers a method to improve the numbers to qualify the facility to remain in FAA's Contract Tower Program.

The \$795 cost for Quadrex Associates' Basic Service is reduced to \$495 for members of USCTA. The service includes a detailed report on how FAA determined the current b/c analysis at the client airport. General recommendations on what information should be reviewed, how to respond to FAA and other observations are also included. Technical assistance is also available beyond the basic program.

For information, contact David Byers, President, Quadrex Associates, at (800) 231-7025, or e-mail [adastra@localnet.com](mailto:adastra@localnet.com).

### CONTRACT TOWERS SURVEYED

Jim McCue, A.A.E., manager of Glendale (Ariz.) Municipal Airport, has surveyed a number of airports with contract tower operations.

Among the questions was a request for information on the type of recording equipment supplied to the tower. Four airports reported "none supplied," 10 answered "FAA equipment," two said "FAA surplus equipment," and seven said "supplying various types of equipment." One airport said it had purchased new equipment at a cost of \$8,200.

Another question asked whether binoculars were

supplied for the tower. Six airports said yes while 17 answered no.

Eight airports said their wind indicator is located on the tower while 17 said it is on the field.

Airports were also asked if all power should be lost at the tower, how many hours back-up radios could be used. Twelve airports answered back-ups would last from 30 minutes to four hours. Eleven airports said back-up radios would last more than four hours.

Another question sought information on janitorial services provided to the tower. Ten airports said they

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### DOT IG KENNETH MEAD DISCUSSES CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM

*Kenneth Mead, DOT's inspector general, discussed the FAA contract tower program in a speech at AAAE's National Airports Conference, held in September in San Diego.*

"We found that the contract tower program is a good program. It is cost-effective and is in the best interests of safety. There are about 160 contract towers; 110 of them were once operated directly by the FAA; another 50 provide air traffic control services to communities that otherwise would not receive any service because they would be too expensive for FAA to operate.

Contract tower personnel were qualified and well-trained; their safety record compared very favorably to FAA-operated Level I towers, and they saved money. We believe the record thus far warrants consideration of expansion to some additional facilities. Congress is considering that now.

A cautionary note here. We also found that some contractors were falling short on meeting their contractual obligations for the specified staffing, but getting paid as if they were. We do not need an unnecessary blemish on the contract tower program that could taint the entire undertaking, so I encourage you to make certain that contractors are fully living up to their end of the bargain. If contractually specified staffing levels are too high in your judgment, then that case should be aired with the FAA. Overall, though, this program has been a success story thus far and is enhancing aviation safety and efficiency."



# Did You Miss The FAA/AAAE/USCTA Contract Tower Workshop?



If you were not able to attend the FAA/AAAE/US. Contract Tower Association Contract Tower Workshop held July 27-28, 1998, in Washington, D.C., you can't afford to miss out on the important information discussed there! Listed below are the valuable handouts that were distributed at the workshop. For a copy of these handouts (250 total pages!), fill out the information below, include your payment information and return this form to AA AE.

**HANDOUTS INCLUDE:**

- FAA's Update of the Contract Tower Program
- FAA Contract Tower Investment Criteria
- FAA Terminal Area Forecast
- FAA Establishment and Discontinuance Criteria for Air Traffic Control Towers
- U.S. District Court Ruling on NATCA Lawsuit and FAA's Response
- Minutes from the FAA/AAAE/USCTA March 1998 Contract Tower Summit
- Contract Tower Case Studies from Greenville (S.C.) Downtown Airport and Naples (Fla.) Airport
- Perspective of the Contract Tower Program from an ATC Contractor
- Perspective of the Contract Tower Program from the DOT Inspector General

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TO BE CONTRACTED IN FISCAL 1999**

Following is the list of Level I towers scheduled for conversion in Fiscal 1999.

STATE	FACILITY (Location)	FAA REGION	STATE	FACILITY (Location)	FAA REGION
Alaska	Kenai Municipal	Alaskan	New Hampshire	Lebanon Municipal	New England
California	Chico Municipal	Western Pacific	New Jersey	Trenton	Eastern
California	Redding Municipal	Western Pacific	North Carolina	Smith Reynolds (Winston Salem)	Southern
California	San Diego Brown Field	Western Pacific	Oklahoma	Lawton Municipal	Southwest
Colorado	Grand Junction	Northwest Mountain	Oregon	Medford	Northwest Mountain
Connecticut	Danbury Municipal	New England	Pennsylvania	Capital City	Eastern
Florida	Opa Locka	Southern	Pennsylvania	Lancaster	Eastern
Florida	Melbourne	Southern	Texas	Rio Grande Valley (Harlingen)	Southwest
Georgia	Macon	Southern	Washington	Felts Field	Northwest Mountain
Hawaii	Keahole-Kona	Western Pacific	Washington	Renton	Northwest Mountain
Illinois	Bloomington/Normal	Great Lakes			
Montana	Missoula	Northwest Mountain			

**FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT LIST OF  
FAA CONTRACT TOWERS  
(AS OF OCTOBER 1998)**

AIRPORT NAME	FAA REGION	STATE	AIRPORT NAME	FAA REGION	STATE
Bethel	AAL	AK	Meigs Field (Chicago)	AGL	IL
King Salmon	AAL	AK	St. Louis Regional	AGL	IL
Kodiak	AAL	AK	So. Illinois/Carbondale	AGL	IL
Dubuque Iowa	ACE	IA	Waukegan Regional	AGL	IL
Forbes Field	ACE	KS	Williamson County	AGL	IL
Hutchinson Mun.	ACE	KS	Gary Regional	AGL	IN
Johnson Co. Exec.	ACE	KS	Battle Creek	AGL	MI
Philip Billard Mun.	ACE	KS	Detroit City	AGL	MI
Salina Municipal	ACE	KS	Jackson	AGL	MI
Columbia	ACE	MO	Anoka (Minneapolis)	AGL	MN
Joplin Regional	ACE	MO	Minot	AGL	ND
Rosecrans Mem'l/St. Joseph	ACE	MO	Burke Lakefront	AGL	OH
Central Neb./Grand Island	ACE	NE	Ohio State University	AGL	OH
Martin State	AEA	MD	Cincinnati Mun./Lunken	AGL	OH
Washington Co. Reg'l/Hagerstown	AEA	MD	Cuyahoga County	AGL	OH
Ithaca	AEA	NY	Rapid City Regional	AGL	SD
Niagara Falls	AEA	NY	Appleton	AGL	WI
Oneida County	AEA	NY	Central Wisconsin	AGL	WI
Stewart	AEA	NY	Kenosha Municipal	AGL	WI
Williamsport/Lycoming Co.	AEA	PA	Lacrosse	AGL	WI
Charlottesville-Albemarle	AEA	VA	Rock County	AGL	WI
Lynchburg	AEA	VA	Timmerman (Milwaukee)	AGL	WI
Greenbrier Valley	AEA	WV	Wittman Regional	AGL	WI
Morgantown	AEA	WV	Bridgeport	ANE	CT
Parkersburg	AEA	WV	Groton-New London	ANE	CT
Wheeling Ohio Co.	AEA	WV	Hartford-Brainard	ANE	CT
Decatur	AGL	IL	Tweed-New Haven	ANE	CT
			Barnes Municipal	ANE	MA
			Beverly	ANE	MA

AIRPORT NAME	FAA REGION	STATE	AIRPORT NAME	FAA REGION	STATE
Hyannis	ANE	MA	Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach	ASO	SC
Lawrence	ANE	MA	Greenville Downtown	ASO	SC
Martha's Vineyard	ANE	MA	Smyrna	ASO	TN
New Bedford	ANE	MA	Alexander Hamilton (St. Croix)	ASO	Virgin Islands
Norwood	ANE	MA	Fayetteville	ASW	AR
Worcester	ANE	MA	Texarkana Mun./Webb Field	ASW	AR
Boire Field/Nashua	ANE	NH	Acadiana Regional	ASW	LA
Eagle County	ANM	CO	Esler Regional Reg'l	ASW	LA
Friedman Memorial	ANM	ID	Houma	ASW	LA
Idaho Falls	ANM	ID	Farmington Municipal	ASW	NM
Lewiston-Nez Perce Co.	ANM	ID	Lea County/Hobbs	ASW	NM
Pocatello Municipal	ANM	ID	Santa Fe Co. Mun.	ASW	NM
Klamath Falls	ANM	OR	Ardmore Municipal	ASW	OK
McNary Field	ANM	OR	Enid Woodring Mun.	ASW	OK
Pendleton Municipal	ANM	OR	Univ. of Oklahoma/Westheimer	ASW	OK
Redmond	ANM	OR	Wiley Post	ASW	OK
Troutdale (Portland)	ANM	OR	Brownsville Int'l	ASW	TX
Ogden-Hinckley Mun.	ANM	UT	Easterwood	ASW	TX
Bellingham Int'l	ANM	WA	Grand Prairie	ASW	TX
Olympia	ANM	WA	Laredo International	ASW	TX
Tacoma Narrows	ANM	WA	McAllen	ASW	TX
Walla Walla Regional	ANM	WA	McKinney Municipal	ASW	TX
Yakima	ANM	WA	Redbird	ASW	TX
Cheyenne	ANM	WY	San Angelo	ASW	TX
\Dothan	ASO	AL	Stinson Municipal (San Antonio)	ASW	TX
Brookley (Mobile)	ASO	AL	Tyler	ASW	TX
Tuscaloosa Municipal	ASO	AL	Chandler	AWP	AZ
Athens Municipal	ASO	GA	Flagstaff Pulliam	AWP	AZ
Fulton County	ASO	GA	Glendale	AWP	AZ
Gwinnett County	ASO	GA	Goodyear (Phoenix)	AWP	AZ
McCullum	ASO	GA	Mesa/Williams Gateway	AWP	AZ
SW Georgia/Albany-Dougherty	ASO	GA	Ryan	AWP	AZ
Valdosta Municipal	ASO	GA	Fullerton	AWP	CA
Albert Whitted	ASO	FL	Hawthorne	AWP	CA
Gainesville	ASO	FL	Modesto	AWP	CA
Hollywood	ASO	FL	Oxnard	AWP	CA
Jacksonville/Craig	ASO	FL	Palmdale	AWP	CA
Key West	ASO	FL	Riverside	AWP	CA
Kissimmee	ASO	FL	Sacramento Executive	AWP	CA
Lakeland Municipal	ASO	FL	Salinas Municipal	AWP	CA
Naples	ASO	FL	San Carlos	AWP	CA
Page Field	ASO	FL	San Louis Obispo	AWP	CA
Panama City/Bay Co.	ASO	FL	Santa Maria	AWP	CA
Pompano Beach	ASO	FL	Whiteman	AWP	CA
Stuart/Whitham	ASO	FL	William J. Fox	AWP	CA
Titusville/Cocoa	ASO	FL	Agana	AWP	Guam
Barkley Regional	ASO	KY	Lihue	AWP	HI
Owensboro/Daviess Co.	ASO	KY	Molokai	AWP	HI
Greenville Municipal	ASO	MS	Elko	AWP	NV
Hawkins Field	ASO	MS			
Meridian/Key Field	ASO	MS			
Kingston	ASO	NC			
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supply these services while 13 said they did not.

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### USCTA TAKES TO THE INTERNET!

USCTA has its own Internet home page, which provides association members with the latest in publications, meeting announcements, press releases and Internet links to other valuable web sites. The address is: <http://www.airportnet.org/cta/>. In addition, FAA's Federal Contract Tower Program now has a home page on the Internet. You can find them at <http://www.faa.gov/ats/ato/ato310.htm>.



Wally Burnett (left), clerk of the Senate transportation appropriations subcommittee, discusses the contract tower program with AAAE's Todd Hauptli

in a recent broadcast of Aviation News Today. Burnett noted that the decision by Congress to approve a \$6 million cost-sharing provision in the contract tower program "will allow any community that really wants to have a tower to help bear the cost of doing that and, thereby, allow the FAA to enter into a contract agreement and expand the level of tower participation."