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## 2003 DOT/FAA BUDGET STILL PENDING IN CONGRESS

The House Appropriations Committee on Oct. 1 approved the DOT/FAA spending bill for fiscal year 2003, which includes full funding of \$78 million for FAA's regular Contract Tower Program, plus \$6 million for the cost-sharing program.

The Senate transportation appropriations bill includes the same figures for contract tower program funding. However, it is unclear at this time whether the DOT/FAA Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2003 will be completed when Congress returns for a post-election session on Nov. 12. DOT/FAA programs at this time are being funded under Continuing Resolutions that maintain spending at 2002 levels until the 2003 bill is passed by Congress and signed by the President.

The 2003 fiscal year began Oct. 1.

## JUDGE ORDERS NEW FILINGS IN CONTRACT TOWER LAWSUIT

Despite FAA's earlier declaration that a federal lawsuit filed by the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) challenging the legality of its Contract Tower Program had ended, the judge in the case has granted a motion from NATCA that requires further proceedings.

FAA considered that it had ended the original case by filing a revised A-76 study July 22 with the U.S. District Court for Northern Ohio. FAA's report concluded that air traffic services provided at the VFR towers in the agency's contract tower program are not "inherently governmental" operations that must be performed by federal employees.

NATCA, however, on Aug. 28 filed a supplement to its original complaint against FAA, saying the agency's July report is "clearly erroneous" and doesn't meet appli-

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Harold E. Thomas

## Harold Thomas Named FAA Contract Tower Program Manager

Harold E. Thomas on Oct. 20 was named manager of FAA's Contract Tower Program, succeeding Willie Card, who died unexpectedly on June 10.

Spencer Dickerson, AAAE executive vice president and USCTA executive director, said the two associations "very much look forward to working with Harold as we and FAA continue to find ways to enhance the services of the 219 contract towers nationwide. We are equally confident that Harold will carry on with the same spirit of cooperation and partnership that our friend Willie Card exhibited during his leadership of the program."

Thomas, a native of Memphis, began his FAA career in 1970 at the Memphis Center as a pre-developmental controller. His career has included air traffic control positions in all three FAA Air Traffic Options. Additionally, he has held positions as facility training specialist, quality assurance specialist, air traffic supervisor and air traffic manager. In 1996, he was selected to work at FAA headquarters as a staff specialist in the Contract Tower Branch. As a member of the contract tower staff, Thomas was responsible for the oversight and monitoring of contractor performance in Areas 4, 5 and 6 of the National FCT Contract.

cable legal standards. Further, NATCA asked the court to require that all privatized formerly FAA-operated air traffic control facilities be restored to FAA operation. NATCA also said FAA should be prohibited from further implementation of its plan to privatize FAA-operated air traffic control facilities.

FAA and the Department of Justice on Sept. 11 responded to NATCA's latest filing by asking the court to deny the motion.

U.S. District Judge Ann Aldrich, in a decision dated Oct. 18, said the case "has not been terminated." She ruled that NATCA is challenging the A-76 analysis issued on July 22, 2002, rather than the one issued Feb. 23, 1999. In doing so, NATCA is claiming "Factual allegations...pertaining to events which have happened since the date of the court's most recent decision," the judge wrote.

She added that the court's receipt of NATCA's supplemental complaint "will not prejudice defendants or delay the resolution of this matter..." Aldrich ordered FAA and the Justice Department to reply to NATCA's supplemental complaint within 30 days.

Spencer Dickerson, executive vice president of AAAE and executive director of the U.S. Contract Tower Association, stated that while the associations are disappointed with the judge's latest order, "We remain confident that the issues will be resolved in the government's favor, hopefully sooner rather than later."

In a related matter, DOT this past summer issued a statement clarifying the Bush Administration's issuance of an executive order eliminating the designation that air traffic control is "an inherently governmental function."

The White House on June 6, 2002, released an executive order eliminating the "inherently governmental function" designation for air traffic control. In response, DOT on June 12 issued the following statement: "The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has for many years contracted with private companies to staff air traffic control towers at small airports. This program involves 206 (now 219) contract towers handling approximately 23 percent of flights and has been highly successful. The Department of Transportation's Inspector General has determined that contract towers are as safe as towers staffed by FAA employees and are much less costly to operate. Despite its success, the FAA's contract tower program has been the subject of protracted litigation with the National Air Traffic Control Association for many years.

"Late in his tenure, President Clinton issued an executive order authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to

establish a new 'Air Traffic Organization' within the Federal Aviation Administration. Secretary Mineta is now preparing to establish this organization within FAA. After lobbying by the air traffic control union, President Clinton had language inserted in his executive order suggesting that air traffic control is an 'inherently governmental function.' That phrase was deleted in the recent amendment to the executive order. The goal of the deletion is to make clear that the executive order did not inadvertently preclude the continuation of the successful contract tower program.

"Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta said today, 'This kind of competitive sourcing is a goal for the Department of Transportation and is a priority of the President's Management Agenda. It is clear that any large-scale privatization of air traffic control would be highly controversial in Congress, and I have no present intention of initiating that debate.'"

## CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM HAS NEW INSURER

Marsh USA, which serves as FAA's broker for the contract tower liability insurance program, has transferred the insurance program from ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Co. to XL Specialty Insurance Co., as of Oct. 1. The change was due to unprecedented rate increases in the aviation insurance marketplace that triggered a wide-ranging review of options, Marsh said.

Coverage limits remain unchanged, according to Marsh. All airport authorities and municipalities are covered automatically as additional insureds, as before.

New Certificates of Insurance are being mailed out to  
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# U. S. C O N T R A C T T O W E R A S S O C I A T I O N N E W S L E T T E R

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Association of Airport Executives, the largest professional organization for airport executives in the world.

St. Augustine/St. Johns (Fla.) Airport Authority's new contract control tower opened on Oct. 3, 2002.

Celebrating the opening with a ribbon cutting are (left to right) Ed Wuellner, A.A.E., executive director, St. Augustine/St. Johns Airport Authority; and airport authority members Bill Rose (chairman), Suzanne Green, Charles Lassiter, Joe Ciriello and Dennis Watts.

The new tower cost \$1.3 million and is expected to handle 150,000 operations annually.



all FCT contractors and to all additional insureds (e.g., USCTA members).

Alternatively, certificates may be requested from Eric Saliba, Marsh Aviation Department, at (212) 345-0428, fax (212) 345-0444; or Robert Rosero, Marsh Aviation Department, at (212) 345-5347, fax (212) 345-0444.

### 30 AIRPORTS PARTICIPATE IN CONTRACT TOWER COST-SHARING

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

They are: King Salmon (Alaska), Laughlin/Bullhead City (Ariz.), Springdale Municipal (Ark.), South Lake Tahoe (Calif.), Victorville (Calif.), Macon (Ga.), Chicago Meigs Field (Ill.), Muncie (Ind.), Columbus (Ind.), Bloomington (Ind.), New Century Air Center (Kan.), Manhattan (Kan.), Garden City (Kan.), Shreveport Downtown (La.), Jefferson City (Mo.), Central Nebraska/Grand Island (Neb.), Henderson (Nev.), Elko (Nev.), Lebanon Municipal (N.H.), Hickory Regional (N.C.), Concord (N.C.), Kinston (N.C.), Bolton Field (Ohio), Stillwater (Okla.), Latrobe (Pa.), Williamsport/Lycoming Co. (Pa.), Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach (S.C.), McKellar-Sipes Regional (Tenn.) and Walla Walla Regional (Wash.).

For information on the contract tower cost-sharing program, contact your FAA regional representative (listed on page 7).

### AAAE, USCTA COMMENT ON DRAFT MINIMUM EQUIPMENT LIST

AAAE and USCTA's Policy Board, at FAA's request, have provided the agency with comments on the draft minimum contract tower equipment list prepared by the agency's contract tower program office.

According to AAAE and USCTA, "It is our strong hope that when this minimum equipment list is finalized by FAA, it will help to standardize equipment issues at FAA contract towers nationwide."

AAAE/USCTA noted that, "Airport sponsors must keep in mind that there are a variety of ways to meet the minimum equipment needs of an ATCT. Most importantly, the minimum equipment needs of an ATCT will vary depending upon variables such as frequency of operations, traffic density, aircraft type and air traffic mix.

"Since each airport and its ATC needs are unique, the application of a minimum equipment list by the airport

sponsor should stress flexibility and innovation. The minimum equipment list is not intended to specify makes and models of equipment, and, by doing so, allows the airport sponsor to determine the equipment that best meets each particular airport ATC needs.

"The minimum equipment list will enable airport sponsors to plan for the equipment needs of new ATC facilities and will also allow airport sponsors to plan for the upgrade of existing facilities that may already be in the FCT program. Airport sponsors with existing ATC facilities that may not meet the standards of the minimum equipment list should be given ample time to upgrade and add equipment."

The USCTA committee was comprised of Robert Bryant, A.A.E., Salisbury-Ocean City-Wicomico (Md.) Regional Airport; Timothy Rogers, A.A.E., Salina (Kan.) Airport Authority, and Shane Cordes, president of Midwest Air Traffic Control Services. The committee reviewed comments submitted by USCTA members and incorporated them in the following draft of the FAA Contract Tower Minimum Equipment List:

#### **FAA Contract Tower Minimum Equipment List (as recommended by USCTA; please note that this list has not yet been approved or finalized by FAA.)**

##### **FCT Sponsor Requirements**

1. Voice switch communication equipment capable of radio and telephone ATC communication as appropriate. This shall include the capability of headset use and instructor/student override capabilities.

2. One headset per controller and one handset per position, with appropriate spares.

3. Very High Frequency radios for ground/air communications, as required, to support level of traffic; i.e. Local Control, Ground Control, Automated Terminal Information Service, Clearance Delivery, and Emergency. One transmitter and one receiver for each frequency. Handheld radios are not authorized as primary units.

4. Ultra High Frequency radios for ground/air communications, as required, to support military operations. Handheld radios are not authorized as primary units.

5. Tunable emergency backup transceiver with battery backup supply.

6. Dual deck, multi-channel, voice recorder system, for continuous unattended recording of each position used for receiving/transmitting ATC clearances, coordination and instructions. Capabilities must include: synchronized recording of time, playback without recording interruption,

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## FAA CONTRACT TOWERS

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

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

<b>AIRPORTNAME</b>	<b>FAA REGION</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>AIRPORTNAME</b>	<b>FAA REGION</b>	<b>STATE</b>
Jackson Hole	ANM	WY	Lea County/Hobbs	ASW	NM
Dothan	ASO	AL	Santa Fe Co. Mun.	ASW	NM
Brookley (Mobile)	ASO	AL	Ardmore Municipal	ASW	OK
Tuscaloosa Municipal	ASO	AL	Enid Woodring Mun.	ASW	OK
Albert Whitted (St. Petersburg)	ASO	FL	Lawton Municipal	ASW	OK
Boca Raton	ASO	FL	Univ. of Oklahoma/Westheimer	ASW	OK
Cecil Field	ASO	FL	*Stillwater	ASW	OK
Gainesville	ASO	FL	Wiley Post	ASW	OK
Hollywood	ASO	FL	Brownsville Int'l	ASW	TX
Craig (Jacksonville)	ASO	FL	Easterwood	ASW	TX
Key West	ASO	FL	Grand Prairie	ASW	TX
Kissimmee	ASO	FL	Laredo International	ASW	TX
Lakeland Municipal	ASO	FL	McAllen	ASW	TX
Melbourne	ASO	FL	McKinney Municipal	ASW	TX
Naples	ASO	FL	Redbird	ASW	TX
Opa Locka	ASO	FL	Rio Grande Valley (Harlingen)	ASW	TX
Page Field	ASO	FL	San Angelo	ASW	TX
Panama City/Bay Co.	ASO	FL	Stinson Municipal (San Antonio)	ASW	TX
Pompano Beach	ASO	FL	Sugar Land	ASW	TX
St. Augustine	ASO	FL	Tyler	ASW	TX
Stuart/Whitham	ASO	FL	Waco	ASW	TX
Titusville/Cocoa	ASO	FL			
Athens Municipal	ASO	GA	Chandler	AWP	AZ
Fulton County	ASO	GA	Flagstaff Pulliam	AWP	AZ
Gwinnett County	ASO	GA	Glendale	AWP	AZ
*Macon	ASO	GA	Goodyear (Phoenix)	AWP	AZ
McCollum	ASO	GA	*Laughlin/Bullhead City	AWP	AZ
SW Georgia/Albany-Dougherty	ASO	GA	Mesa/Williams Gateway	AWP	AZ
Valdosta Regional	ASO	GA	Ryan (Tucson)	AWP	AZ
Barkley Regional (Paducah)	ASO	KY	Chico	AWP	CA
Owensboro/Daviess Co.	ASO	KY	Fullerton	AWP	CA
Greenville Municipal	ASO	MS	Hawthorne	AWP	CA
Hawkins Field (Jackson)	ASO	MS	Mather (Sacramento)	AWP	CA
Meridian/Key Field	ASO	MS	Modesto	AWP	CA
Tupelo Regional	ASO	MS	Oxnard	AWP	CA
*Concord	ASO	NC	Palmdale	AWP	CA
*Kinston	ASO	NC	Redding Municipal	AWP	CA
New Bern	ASO	NC	Riverside	AWP	CA
Smith Reynolds (Winston-Salem)	ASO	NC	Sacramento Executive	AWP	CA
*Hickory Regional	ASO	NC	Salinas Municipal	AWP	CA
Isla Grande	ASO	Puerto Rico	San Carlos	AWP	CA
*Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach	ASO	SC	Brown Field (San Diego)	AWP	CA
Greenville Downtown	ASO	SC	San Luis Obispo	AWP	CA
Millington	ASO	TN	Santa Maria	AWP	CA
Smyrna	ASO	TN	*South Lake Tahoe	AWP	CA
*McKeller-Sipes (Jackson)	ASO	TN	*Victorville	AWP	CA
Henry E. Rohlsen (St. Croix)	ASO	Virgin Islands	Whiteman (Lancaster)	AWP	CA
Fayetteville	ASW	AR	William J. Fox (Los Angeles)	AWP	CA
Northwest Arkansas Regional	ASW	AR	Agana	AWP	Guam
*Springdale	ASW	AR	Kalaeloa	AWP	HI
Texarkana Mun./Webb Field	ASW	AR	Kona/Keahole	AWP	HI
Acadiana Regional	ASW	LA	Lihue	AWP	HI
Chennault	ASW	LA	Molokai	AWP	HI
Houma	ASW	LA	*Elko	AWP	NV
Alexandria	ASW	LA	*Henderson (Las Vegas)	AWP	NV
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re-recording to suitable portable storage media and/or a portable recorder with re-recording capability, any internal storage media must be configured to preclude retention of data older than 15 days, remote alarm. Appropriate storage media must be provided (one for each of 15 days, plus spares).

7. Back up power source for essential equipment, i.e. radios, voice switch, cab HVAC, etc.

8. Two altimeter setting indicators. A certifiable Digital Altimeter Setting Indicator (DASI) is preferred and required if ASOS/AWOS or a "traceable pressure standard" is not available within 10 miles for precision approaches and 25 miles for non-precision approaches. Re: FAA Order 7210.3 and FAA Notice 7210.477. Aircraft altimeters are not acceptable.

9. Two direct reading wind information indicators.

10. If ASOS/AWOS is available on the airport, locate ASOS/AWOS Operator Input Device (OID) in the tower cab. If tower is ATIS equipped, provide an ASOS/ATIS interface device.

11. Two pair of operable binoculars 7x50 or greater.

12. Signal light gun with back-up power source.

13. At least one 24-hour clock with seconds display, i.e. digital LED.

14. Alert system to notify airport emergency equipment operator.

15. FCT Sponsor Airfield Lighting Controls.

16. Window shading as prescribed in FAA regulations for all tower cab windows (adjustable). (FAA specification E 2470)

17. Mechanical or electrical counting device.

18. Position lighting (to support established operating positions with rheostat control).

19. Electro Static Discharge (ESD) resistant controller chairs of appropriate height for the conduct of tower operational duties.

20. Floor covering shall be ESD resistant.

Note for 20 and 21: other floor grounding apparatus may be necessary dependant upon specifications of the electronic equipment installed.

21. Administrative telephone with handset in the operating and administrative quarters.

22. Appropriate non-operational space and equipment will also be provided. This must include: lockable air traffic manager's office, restroom one floor below the tower cab, training/break room, and appropriate desk, chairs, table and locking file cabinet.

#### **FAA Requirements**

1. Landline communications system with direct access

to controlling instrument flight rules facility.

2. FAA airfield lighting controls.

3. Equipment to comply with any Transportation Security Administration requirements.

## **ATC CONTRACTORS WIN 'NONE IN A MILLION' AWARDS**

FAA's Bill Peacock, director of air traffic services, recently recognized Robinson Aviation's (RVA) Stewart, N.Y.; Trenton, N.J., and Panama City, Fla., contract air traffic control towers by presenting them each with a "None in a Million Award."

Serco Management Services contract control towers that won the award were California's Sacramento Executive, San Carlos and San Diego Brown Executive.

In his letter to the towers, Peacock stated, "Your efforts and diligence in the delivery of air traffic control services are appreciated by the Federal Aviation Administration, the system users, and our customers, the flying public. Your facility is one of the select few facilities that has achieved this milestone and is receiving a certificate entitled 'None In A Million.' This award is presented to a facility that records one million operations without an operational error. As is readily apparent, this is a tremendous accomplishment.

"Each and every day air traffic controllers throughout the National Airspace System control thousands of airplanes, ensuring their safe and efficient departure and arrival at their destinations. The business of air traffic brings different challenges in the form of complex traffic conditions, weather reroutes, or just the normal high volume of activity. With this high number of operations come many opportunities for operational errors to occur."

Peacock added, "We have made the reduction of operational errors a priority in air traffic and have incorporated it into a three-year plan. In the near future, we will be sending out additional information on the plan; it is good to see that your facility is already achieving many of the goals. Please accept and convey my sincere appreciation for the outstanding individual contributions and team effort which led to over a million operations without an operational error. I wish you continued success."

## **CONTRACT TOWER ASSOCIATION GAINS NEW MEMBERS**

The newest members of USCTA are Gwinnett County Airport (Lawrenceville, Ga.) and St. Augustine Airport



(Fla.).

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.

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