

2014 Eastern Region Annual Airports Conference

Airport Improvement Program Overview

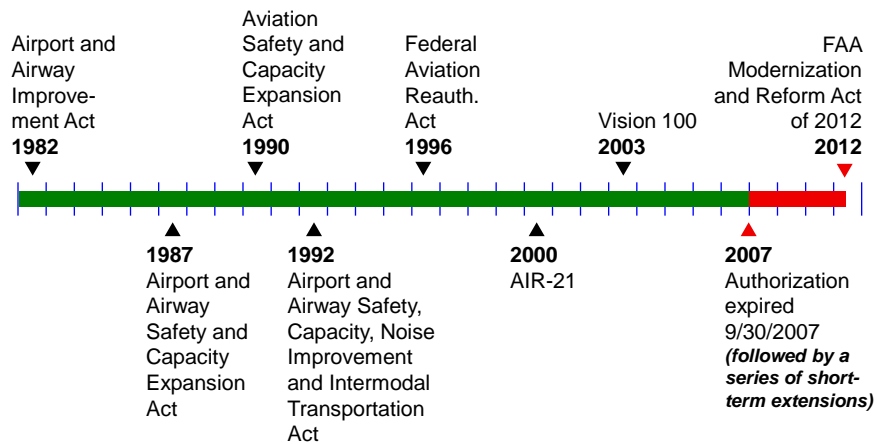
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History of FAA authorizing legislation



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FY 14 AIP program at a glance...

- **FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Authorization)**
 - The President signed a bill which provides authorization at an annual level of \$3,350,000 until September 30, 2015 (FY 2012-2015). [H.R. 658, P.L. 112-95].
- **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014**
 - Omnibus bill signed on January 17, 2014 that provided a continuing resolution for all agencies until September 30, 2014. The Airport Improvement Program was funded at \$3.35 billion (same as the FY 2014 authorization level). [H.R. 3547, P.L. 113-76].



FY 14 AIP (cont'd)

- **Earliest grant program in many years**
- **Funding Priorities – National Rating System & Regional Priorities**
 - RSA projects, Part 139 safety enhancements, runway safety team recommendations, and security enhancements, preservation projects
- **Continue to stress projects based on bids**
- **May 1, 2014 deadline to declare intentions on use of entitlement funds**



Grant Management Reminders

- Inactive Obligations
- Drawdown Metric
- SAM
- Grant Risk Management Policy
- Airports External Portal (AEP)



Inactive Obligations Guidance

New guidance from the Office of Financial Services (ABA) working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) was issued February 27, 2013:

- The first requirement is to capture the status of **inactive obligations**. An inactive obligation is a funding obligation – money that has been placed on contract or otherwise ‘obligated’ – that has not had any activity (payment) for a twelve month period or longer.
- The second requirement is to review all **unliquidated obligations** with a period of performance that has been expired for more than 180 days. (*AIP grants have a period of performance of 5 years after grant execution*)



OMB Drawdown Metric

- **Watch how all Federal agencies spend their money**
- **Want all money to be spent in a timely manner**
 - Expect regular drawdown of funds
 - Monthly goals on funds used
 - Completely expended within four years
- **Use this information and data for future funding decisions**
- **Don't just make a drawdown; the funds must be used for real work that has been completed**



System for Award Management (SAM)

- **Formerly known as the Central Contractor Registry (CCR)**
- **SAM is the primary database of vendors doing business with the federal government**
- **Active registration required to receive any Federal grant award monies (including AIP)**

CAUTION: SAM registration is completely free. Be mindful that you are at the correct website:

www.sam.gov



Risk Management-Program Guidance Letter 13-01

- **PGL 13-01 Implemented as a result of a National Program Audit**
- **Overall assessment examines several areas of Sponsor's practices and policies related to the oversight and management of their grants program**
- **Ultimately results in reducing the amount of documentation necessary for the processing of grant payments and the subsequent close-out documentation: the lower the risk, the less documentation required**



Risk Management (cont'd)

- **Three Phases to processing the Risk Assessments**
 - Phase 1: collecting sponsor data – ongoing
 - Phase 2: Program Manager completes internal review of sponsor data and office files
 - Phase 3: Data is entered into a National Database
- **Will be re-evaluated every three years**



Airports External Portal (AEP)

- This is the first in a series of upgrades to our 15 year old SOAR grant management system
- AEP: Web-based application allows airport sponsors and state agencies to provide planning data (ACIP and NPIAS) electronically
- Provides external users periodic grant financial information
- Provides external users direct control over essential airport contact data
- AEP will also serve as the new “front door” for public agency access to the PFC external module
- All encouraged to keep registrations current, system is undergoing extensive testing and maintenance

<https://aep.airports.faa.gov>



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Program Guidance Letter (PGL) 14-01 Cold Weather Provision

- 49 U.S.C. § 47110(b)2(D) Cold Weather Provision
- Allows for discretionary reimbursement of construction costs incurred prior to grant execution
- Very specific requirements, no guarantee of funding
- PGL 14-01 provides detailed guidance including limitations outlined in statute
- FAA acknowledgement needed. Contact your ADO first.



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Questions???

