Friends and Partners Meeting

Vision for Aviation Weather Policies

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Agenda

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Objective of Policy Activity

Identify weather policy issues associated with the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NGATS)

- **ensure sound, timely analysis**
- **recommend solutions to the JPDO.**

Make-up of Policy Team

- Al Kaehn (NOAA)
- Bill Phaneuf (ALPA)
- Dave Metzbower (FAA)
- Jeremy Andrucyk (NWS)
- John Murray (NASA)
- Kevin Johnston (NWS)
- Mark Andrews, IPT Lead
- Nick Stoer (Consultant)
- Richard Deininger (Boeing)
- Ron Colantonio (NASA)
- Steve Green (NASA)
- TBD (ATO Safety)
- TBD (Institute Representative)
- Arnold Lee (IAI)
- Bruce Carmichael (NCAR)
- Gene Wilhelm (CAASD)
- John McCarthy (IPT Co-Chr)
- Ken Leonard (FAA)
- Lisa Bee, Deputy IPT Lead
- Mark Weber (Lincoln)
- Paul Stough (NASA
- Rick Heuwinkel, Chair (FAA)
- Sadegh Kavoussi (Avmet)
- TBD (Aircraft Cert, FAA)
- TBD (Air Transport, FAA)

Policy Criteria

- **To be considered *policy*, a weather issue must meet *all* of the following criteria:**
  - **<u>Business Case Plus</u>: Business Case alone is insufficient basis for decision. A judgment call is also needed.**
  - **<u>High Level</u>: Decision to be made at agencies' Senior Executive level or higher.**
  - **<u>Strategic</u>: Is significant to the realization of the NGATS**

Methodology--Policy Identification

- **Potential policy issues identified by:**
  - **JPDO or WxIPT Leadership**
  - **Other IPT's in JPDO**
  - **WxIPT Teams**
  - **Policy Team**
- **Issue Statement developed by author or Policy Team**
- **Assessment of Issue against Policy Criteria**
- **Prioritization of Policy Issues**
- **Policy Analyses Assigned**

Methodology -- Policy Analysis

- Statement of issue & how it meets policy criteria
- Describe how weather subsystem works today
- Identify drivers for change
- Identify policy choices
- Identify pros and cons of alternatives
- Recommendation

Policy Categories

- Government and Private Sector Roles & Responsibilities
- Standards
- Who Pays for What
- Controllers' Roles Re Weather Information
- Technical/Operational Service Issues
- Interagency Roles & Responsibilities

Government & Private Sector Roles & Responsibilities

What will be the government's role in provision of "official" weather information (current and future, three dimensional, digital) to all NAS decision makers in terms of:

- **Observations**
- **Generation of weather information**
- **Dissemination**
- **Display design**
- **Display systems**
- **Standards for the above**

Standards

- **Consistency: Assuming continued mixed government and private provision, how do we ensure that weather information available to all decision makers in the NAS is consistent in terms of?**
  - **Temporal and spatial consistency**
  - **Intensity of the phenomena**
  - **Useability of the airspace**
- **Regulations & Procedures: What changes in regulations and procedures are needed to optimize safety and efficiency of operations under NGATS?**

Who Pays for What

- **Who pays for in-situ aircraft data?**
- **Who pays for generation and uplink of weather information to the cockpit?**
- **Who pays for access costs and communication costs from government ports to end users?**

Controllers' Roles Re Weather Information

- **Will controllers assume responsibility for tactical separation of aircraft from hazardous weather?**
- **Will controllers continue to bear the responsibility for relay of weather information to the cockpit?**

Technical/Operational Issues

- **Will the code for digital weather information be BUFR, GRIB, or some other code?**
- **How long will government continue to produce legacy products and product forms (e.g., alphanumeric descriptions of weather phenomena) after the same information is available in digital format?**
- **Which weather information will be produced in probabilistic terms and how will it be phased in?**

Interagency Roles & Responsibilities

- **How will interagency weather R&D be managed for efficiency and rapid implementation?**
- **Which agency(ies) will develop, manage, and maintain the 4D weather information network?**