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State Aviation Manager Aaron Smith provides clarification

Over the past several weeks, a number of members have requested clarification regarding application of the FDOT’s CEI requirements on projects that are being initiated under FAA and FDOT grants. Please see the information below provided by Aaron Smith on this issue.

The issue relates to ss. 337.14(7), F.S., which states:

A “contractor” as defined in s. 337.165(1)(d) or his or her “affiliate” as defined in s. 337.165(1)(a) qualified with the department under this section may not also qualify under s. 287.055 or s. 337.105 to provide testing services, construction, engineering, and inspection services to the department. This limitation does not apply to any design-build prequalification under s. 337.11(7) and does not apply when the department otherwise determines by written order entered at least 30 days before advertisement that the limitation is not in the best interests of the public with respect to a particular contract for testing services, construction, engineering, and inspection services. This subsection does not authorize a contractor to provide testing services, or provide construction, engineering, and inspection services, to the department in connection with a construction contract under which the contractor is performing any work. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for a project that is wholly or partially funded by the department and administered by a local governmental entity, except for a seaport listed in s. 311.09, the entity performing design and construction engineering and inspection services may not be the same entity.

More specifically, and to the point of your question, the last sentence states: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for a project that is wholly or partially funded by the department and administered by a local governmental entity, except for a seaport listed in s. 311.09, the entity performing design and construction engineering and inspection services may not be the same entity.” Therefore, if a project is not “…wholly or partially funded by the department…” then it would be accurate to state the provision of statute requiring “…the entity performing design and construction engineering and inspection services may not be the same entity,” does not apply. In addition, if the FAA is funding a project at 100%, then the project is not wholly or partially funded by the department and, therefore, the provision does not apply.

If a project was initially wholly or partially funded by the department and is converted to 100% federal funds, and the department is reimbursed for its share of the project, then the provision would not apply. However, should the department continue to partially fund the project, the provision would apply.

FDOT recommends that airports contact their district representative with specific questions related to their projects.
FAC Board of Directors update

The Florida Airports Council is the largest statewide organization focusing only on airports and aviation nationwide. California and Texas are close behind, but they cannot hold a candle to FAC and our legislative, education and professional development successes! Maintaining the momentum our founders and past leaders set in motion and leading the Council into the future takes dedication and focus from Florida airport professionals and industry leaders that make up our Board of Directors.

Each year, new Directors are needed to fill vacancies of those that have previously served. This year, three positions on the Board are open for the term beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2023. If you’re dedicated to Florida airports, interested in leading our highly respected organization, and an Airport member of FAC in good standing, consider joining the FAC leadership team.

The Council’s leadership is made up of the Executive Committee, which consists of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Immediate Past Chairman, and seven Directors representing permanent, full-time employees of the Airport membership, plus one member from the Corporate membership.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the business of the Council. The responsibilities of each member include:

- Participating in board meetings and committee initiatives (four meetings per year)
- Monitoring of the implementation of the FAC Strategic Plan - reviewing programs, priorities, funding needs, and tactics
- Providing financial oversight to assure the financial health of the organization, by review and approval of the annual budget, overseeing adherence to it and providing direction regarding investment policies and management of capital and reserve funds
- Oversight and support of FAC legislative initiatives and educational programs and the Education Foundation
- Support and advocate for the Council and Florida Airports
- Participation in fundraising initiatives for the Council and the Education Foundation

Interested? Please provide a copy of your resume before, Monday, July 6, 2020 to lisa@floridaairports.org.

The 2020 Nominating Committee will review all applications and make a recommendation to the Board and General Membership nominating the new Directors. Normally, the new leadership and Director(s) are named at the FAC Annual Conference. Unfortunately, since FAC will not host a conference this year, we will proceed with the nominating process electronically. We plan to be ready to announce the new Board of Directors for 2021 for General Membership consideration in early August. Our constitution allows electronic voting so we plan to use this method to elect our new Directors. Stay tuned for more information as we work through the process.

Farewell Debra Braga

We are saddened to share the news that ACI-NA’s former Legal Committee Vice-Chair and Chair passed away earlier this month after a long battle with a serious illness. Many of you also knew Debra as the Vice-Chair of FAC’s Legal Committee.

Debra’s forte was in local government and airport law and she worked as Chief Legal Counsel for the Jacksonville Aviation Authority for eight years until she retired in April 2020.

Debra will be missed by all who knew her. Her husband will hold a memorial service when it is appropriate for all of her family and friends to gather.

In lieu of flowers, Debra’s wish is that donations would be made to The DONNA Foundation and the Nassau County Humane Society.
Tampa Bay Water, the regional supplier of drinking water for more than 2.5 million people, is suing chemical companies including DuPont and 3M over environmental contamination from flame retardants, according to court records.

The utility’s filing May 14 places it among a growing number of organizations calling for damages from the corporations for the release of “forever chemicals” — certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, which studies show may hurt human health. The case references pollution from a particular type of foam used to fight fires, which has been connected to training sites, military bases and airports. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection lists MacDill Air Force Base as one place with a confirmed presence of at least one contaminant. Flame-retardant foam has also been tied to tainted wells near the Florida State Fire College in Ocala.

Tampa Bay Water has not detected dangerous levels of the chemicals in its supply, said spokesman Brandon Moore. But as researchers study the compounds further, he called the lawsuit, which seeks monetary damages, “an initial step to protect Tampa Bay Water’s interests.” The utility supplies water for Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties, along with the cities of Tampa, St. Petersburg and New Port Richey. It is especially dependent on groundwater.

Science around the harmful effects of the chemicals and safe concentration levels for drinking is evolving, but the Environmental Protection Agency has set the current limit at 70 parts per trillion.

Filed in federal court in South Carolina, where a judge is handling a batch of similar lawsuits, the complaint features broad language alleging companies including DuPont, 3M and their subsidiaries were negligent. The compounds are ubiquitous, found in products such as nonstick pans, cleaning supplies and packaging, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Research shows they might accumulate, affecting hormones and spiking cholesterol, and potentially worsening the risk for certain cancers.

“Motivated by billions of dollars in profits, the DuPont Defendants and 3M have intentionally withheld, suppressed, minimalized, diminished, marginalized, misrepresented, and obfuscated factual information in their possession regarding the toxic effects of PFASs on the environment, animal health, aquatic life and human health,” lawyers wrote.

Tampa Bay Water, according to the complaint, wants the makers to pay for future costs of tasks like monitoring and removing the compounds from the water supply. A spokesperson for 3M wrote in an email that the company “acted responsibly in connection with its manufacture and sale of AFFF (aqueous film-forming foam) and will vigorously defend its record of environmental stewardship.” A DuPont spokesperson did not respond to an email or call seeking comment.

The FDEP lists a few locations around the state as having had trouble with the contaminants in the public water supply. They include two wells in Escambia County, near Pensacola International Airport; three in Stuart; and one in Zephyrhills, which has been shut down.

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Please email lisa@floridaairports.org with calendar updates.
Florida remained in the “full Phase One” of reopening this week, with no new statewide action on how and which businesses can operate. The 50% capacity limit on restaurants and retail remains. The same applies to libraries, museums, gyms and fitness centers, which joined stores and dining rooms in reopening a couple weeks ago.

When the Governor and Cabinet met Thursday — their first meeting since early February — the pandemic was only briefly mentioned ahead of a moment of silence. Otherwise, the statewide officials attended to other business, including a Florida Forever land buy.

There were noteworthy developments, however.

Another eight counties were approved to resume vacation rentals, the Florida Board of Governors greenlit a plan for state universities to reopen in the fall, and Disney and SeaWorld presented their reopening plans to Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings’ Economic Recovery Task Force — they were quickly approved and forwarded to the Governor for a final verdict. That approval came on Friday from Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Halsey Beshears.

A new Travel Ban - A ban on travel to the United States from Brazil went into effect Tuesday night after previously being set to go into effect Thursday. The White House said the accelerated timeline was due to rising daily coronavirus deaths in the South American nation. On Monday, the country reported more than 800 coronavirus-related deaths, surpassing daily deaths in the U.S. for the first time since the pandemic began. The President had cut off inbound travel from China, Iran, the UK and Ireland.
Frontier Airlines adds four destinations to Fort Myers during industry turmoil
(Source: NewsPress.com)

Frontier Airlines will attempt to leave the industry catastrophe related to COVID-19 behind by increasing flight routes to and from Southwest Florida International Airport.

Starting Thursday, customers could book round-trip flights from Fort Myers to the new destinations of Boston, Massachusetts, Chicago, Illinois, Long Island, New York (Islip) and Newark, New Jersey. The new flights begin July 2 and 3. They will boost the non-stop Frontier destinations in Fort Myers from 11 to 15.

“What this announcement does, is it builds us to our largest-ever number of destinations in the summer,” said Daniel Shurz, senior vice president for commercial flights at Frontier. “It really is growth. It’s increasing evidence for demand for beach destinations. People are looking to go to beaches with less crowds of people. It’s outdoor, summer destinations.”

The fares start at $39 and $49 each way.

Frontier also is expanding in Sarasota and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The airline is taking steps to ease traveler fears during the coronavirus global pandemic, Shurz said. Plexiglass windows are being added to counters in terminals. Beginning May 8, flyers were required to wear masks during pre-boarding and during flights.

Beginning Monday, June 1, flyers will have their temperatures screened. Those registering a 100.4-degree temperature or higher will not be allowed to board a flight and will have to reschedule to another day.

Frontier flight crews and all other employees also will be screened for their temperatures.

“We take that rule seriously,” Shurz said of wearing masks. “You may hear of some other airlines that say they require it but don’t enforce it. You have to have a mask to get on board the plane. We would like the TSA to take on this responsibility. But since it isn’t, we are taking all the reasonable action we can take to ensure that flying is the safest thing you can do.”

In April, airline traffic dropped by 95% from the year prior because of stay-at-home orders, the threat of the virus and fear.

“We’re absolutely seeing signs that it’s getting better,” Shurz said. “It’s far from a full recovery, but we are seeing the demand change going into June and July.”

Middle seats will continue to be unavailable, as flights were at under 40% capacity in May, he said.

Mike Boyd, an industry analyst with Boyd Group International, advises various airlines on routes and industry trends.

“We’re hearing this around the country about it’s going to take two years to recover,” Boyd said. “Well, it’s going to be more like six months. The first sector to come back is the leisure segment. By the end of the year, we’ll be at about 85% of where we were one year prior to that. That 15% is going to basically be lost. Mainly because of the reduction in international travel to the U.S. But by the end of the year, we’ll be pretty much back to normal.”

Boyd said he didn’t deem it unusual for Frontier to add routes during what’s typically a slow travel time to Fort Myers, regardless of coronavirus.

“There’s nothing unusual about the situation,” Boyd said. “There’s a lot of pent-up demand. People have been forced to live in their caves. There’s going to be more demand than they can handle. They’ll be able to fill up their airplanes.”

Congratulations FAC members named to AAAE leadership positions

The AAAE Board of Directors recently named the following Florida airport leaders to positions in the Board of Examiners, IAAE Board of Directors and U.S. Contract Tower Association (USCTA) Policy Board.

**Board of Examiners:** Cyrus Callum, A.A.E., ACE, director, Orlando Executive Airport, chair

**IAAE Board of Directors:** Jeff Mulder, A.A.E., senior consultant, Woolpert, and Tonci Peovic, manager, Brac Island Airport, co-chairs; and Andrew O’Brian, CEO, Quiport SA, and Woodie Woodward, president, Woodward & Associates, vice chairs

**USCTA Policy Board:** Todd Woodard, C.M., director-marketing and public affairs, Spokane International, chair; and Chris Pomeroy, manager, Friedman Memorial Airport, and Clara Bennett, executive director, Boca Raton Airport, vice chairs

_Congratulations Cyrus, Woodie and Clara._
S&P predicts slow recovery for Airports

S&P Global Ratings’ Infrastructure practice is predicting a “swoosh shaped” recovery for the airport sector – a slow climb back following rapid decline.

The rating agency now estimates that global air passenger numbers will drop by about 50 percent-55 percent in 2020 compared with 2019, a far steeper decline than it first anticipated in March. Passenger numbers are predicted to remain below pre-pandemic levels through 2023.

Further, the ratings firm predicts that retail revenues for airports will be even more heavily hit than aeronautical revenues, due to falling passenger numbers and consumers’ decreased purchasing power due to the global recession.

Contract towers still more cost-effective than FAA-run air traffic control towers

On April 28, 2020, the DOT Office of Inspector General (OIG) released its latest assessment of the 38-year old FAA Contract Tower Program, under which non-radar towers of various activity levels are operated by FAA-certified tower operating companies. The “results in brief,” as OIG always begins its reports, are that contract towers cost significantly less to operate than FAA-run towers with similar traffic levels and runway configurations and are at least equivalent in safety. (Report No. A202028) This is comparable to the findings of at least six previous Inspector General reviews of this program.

Contract towers began in 1982, as part of the Reagan-era DOT effort to restore and rebuild air traffic control services in the wake of the illegal strike by controllers (which resulted in the majority of them being fired when they refused to return to work). It began with only five “level 1” towers and had grown to just 27 by 1993. With support from the Clinton administration, Congress expanded the program significantly.

Today there are 248 contract towers in operation in 46 states, operating at large general aviation airports and small air-carrier airports.

Contract towers cost significantly less for several reasons. First, their average staffing is lower than in comparable-activity FAA towers. Second, the companies pay controllers somewhat less than FAA controllers, but there seems to be no problem of finding licensed controllers who prefer to work in the private sector—including former military controllers and others who are above FAA’s mandatory retirement age but don’t want to stop working traffic.

The naïve expectation is that lower staffing and pay would compromise air safety at contract towers. But the study finds that safety levels at contract towers are, if anything, better than those at comparable FAA towers, as figures in this OIG report make clear. For example, the FAA towers in their sample averaged 8.24 controller-involved risk analysis events per million aircraft handled, compared with 1.08 per million for the contract towers. Still, in its summary OIG puts the difference this way: “We do not believe the difference between these numbers and those of FAA’s towers is meaningful because, among other reasons, the numbers of safety-related events across the [National Airspace System] were very low relative to the total number of flights.” Yet this safety advantage for contract towers has remained the finding of every OIG audit dating back to 1998. Keep reading...

JetBlue CEO predicts fast rebound for leisure travel

JetBlue CEO Robin Hayes, in a Washington Post Live interview May 28, predicted that airline travel for vacations will rebound quickly, but that it will take longer to reach pre-pandemic levels of business travel.

Hayes said, “Leisure travel will come back very quickly...we weren’t wired to sit at our homes...people want to travel, they want to see friends, they want to see family.” Regarding business travel, Hayes stated, “I think business travel is going to be slower...This is going to be some change that I think, might be more permanent.”

The most important issue the airline industry faces right now is how to give people the confidence to fly again, Hayes said. “We are seeing, in the U.S. at least, volume starting to come back.”
ACI & IATA call for a consistent approach to aviation industry restart

Airports Council International (ACI) World and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have called on governments to ensure any new measures introduced for airports and airlines in the wake of COVID-19 are supported by scientific evidence and are consistent across the world.

ACI and IATA have jointly issued a paper laying out a pathway for restarting the aviation industry, titled ‘Safely Restarting Aviation – ACI and IATA Joint Approach’. Airlines and airports have cooperated to build a roadmap for resuming operations which reassures the travelling public that health and safety remain the overall priorities.

The joint statement proposes a layered approach of measures across the entire passenger journey to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 at airports and onboard aircraft, and to prevent aviation becoming a meaningful source of international re-infection. ACI and IATA say that such measures should be globally consistent and subject to continued review, improvement, and removal when no longer required, to ensure an even recovery.

ACI and IATA are both central members the COVID-19 Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) being led by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). CART enables the collaboration, among governments and between governments and industry, that is vital to ensure the harmonisation and consistency of measures that are essential to restoring air connectivity and passenger confidence in air travel.

ACI World Director General Angela Gittens commented: “Airports and airlines have come together with ICAO and the wider aviation industry to address the biggest challenge ever faced by commercial aviation in restarting a global industry while continuing to halt the spread of COVID-19. There is currently no single measure that could mitigate all the risks of restarting air travel but we believe a globally-consistent, outcome-based approach represents the most effective way of balancing risk mitigation with the need to unlock economies and to enable travel.”

IATA’s Director General and CEO Alexandre de Juniac added: “Safety is always our top priority and that includes public health. Restoring air connectivity is vital to restarting the global economy and reconnecting people. Our layered approach of measures recommended by airports and airlines safeguard public health while offering a practical approach for a gradual restart of operations. It is important to remember that the risk of transmission on board is very low. And we are determined that aviation will not be a significant source of re-infection. We are working continuously with governments to ensure that any measures put in place are done so consistently and with scientific backing. That is key to restoring public confidence so the benefits of safely restarting aviation can be realized.”

CBP extends closure of Trusted Traveler enrollment centers

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has extended the temporary closure of Trusted Traveler Program enrollment centers until at least July 6.

The agency said it is taking the precautionary measure to minimize the exposure of the public and CBP personnel to the coronavirus.

CBP’s Enrollment on Arrival program will remain operational. Conditionally approved Global Entry applicants will be able to complete the enrollment process upon arrival on an international flight at any of the airports that offer this program.

TSA screened 321,776 passengers on Thursday, which is 87 percent lower than the more than 2.5 million travelers the same day a year ago. (See the latest TSA throughput numbers)

DOT announced that the Trump Administration would be distributing over 15 million cloth facial coverings to transportation workers across the country, including 3.8 million coverings specifically for the aviation sector. DOT, along with DHS, has been working with stakeholders and industry to ensure that transportation workers receive the protective equipment they need. DOT said that the facial coverings were secured by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and will be sent out to airports and other aviation workers in the coming weeks via the U.S. Postal Service.
The Lee County Port Authority (“Authority”) invites all interested and qualified parties to provide submissions for the above referenced solicitation.

SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS: All documents and instructions for submittal will be available on Thursday, May 14, 2020 online at www.flylcpa.ionwave.net

PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING: A MANDATORY pre-submittal meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at the location provided on the cover page of the solicitation document. Note: When mandatory pre-submittal meetings are conducted, only proposals from proposers that have attended the mandatory pre-submittal meeting will be considered.

RECEIVING AND OPENING: Sealed proposals must be received at the Southwest Florida International Airport Terminal, Purchasing Office, 3rd Floor prior to 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2020. Proposers, their authorized agents and other interested persons are invited to attend. Alternatively, the opening of proposals may be accessed remotely through the following link: Remote Proposal Opening ID/Phone: Meeting ID meet.google.com/ zuq-azqo-jzz Phone Number (US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 616 711 586 4910#

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE: The Lee County Port Authority will not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. Any person needing special accommodations for attendance at any public meeting should contact the Purchasing Office at least even (7) days before the scheduled meeting.

Any requests or questions concerning this solicitation shall be addressed to the Purchasing Office, Melissa M. Wendel, CPPO - Procurement Manager, e-mail: mmwendel@flylcpa.com

The Federal Aviation Administration’s Orlando Airports District Office announced they are soliciting resumes for consideration for a Civil Engineer position. This position serves as a Civil Engineer and project manager in support of the Airports Improvement Program (AIP) and all other airport program matters such as airport design, construction, maintenance, operations and safety. Qualified candidates should possess a 4-year degree in civil engineering, and may have up to 5-years’ experience in airfield engineering. Salary commensurate with experience, and ranges from $46,321 to $103,741 annually, plus 15.95% locality pay. Quality of life and excellent benefits package included. This is an opportunity to work in a great atmosphere with a team of caring professionals who are like family!

Applicant’s names and resumes will be held in confidence. Interested parties should submit an electronic resume and e-mail of interest to Juan Brown, Assistant Manager, at Juan.Brown@faa.gov no later than June 12, 2020.

Attention FAC Members:
If you have business and/or employment opportunities that you would like to see advertised in the Airmail Newsletter, simply send the posting to gina@floridaairports.org

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