

Dear Industry Representative:

The attached Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/50XX, *The Airport System Planning Process*, is being circulated to interested industry associations to obtain comments and recommendations for actions to be taken. The AC provides guidance for use in accomplishing effective airport system planning.

This publication cancels two existing advisory circulars: Planning the State Aviation System (150/5050-3B), dated January 1989, and Planning the Metropolitan Airport System (150/5070-5), dated May 1970. It also incorporates guidance from a previously cancelled advisory circular, The Continuous Airport System Planning Process (150/5050-5), dated November 1975.

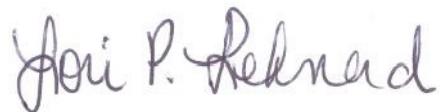
The AC enables state aviation agencies, metropolitan and regional planning agencies, airports, consultants, and the FAA to flexibly define and develop products throughout the airport system planning process, regardless of the variation in aviation programs. It was not written as a detailed "how to" guide to teach the basics of system planning.

The FAA established a ten-member technical group to assist with the development of the draft AC. The group is made up of representatives from three FAA Regional Airports Division Offices, three state aviation agencies, a metropolitan planning organization, and a consultant.

Please review the attached draft and submit comments as appropriate. Comments received prior to COB July 9, 2004 will be considered for inclusion in the new advisory circular. The final document may be revised as a result of comments received and further review by the FAA's National Planning Division (APP-400).

The document will be available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format from the FAA Airports Internet site at <http://www.faa.gov/arp/publications/acs/draftacs.cfm>

Sincerely,



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