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General Aviation CFR 14 Part 135 Certificate Holder

Greetings:

We are writing to you as fellow participants and stakeholders in the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS) and Alaska 14CFR part 135 certificate holders.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has many voluntary safety programs that they support and encourage the certificated operators to participate in. These programs enhance any participant's internal safety management systems and also allows for mitigation action relative to safety issues uncovered by them.

The program that we would like to bring to your attention is the Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP). This Program has been active since January 1997; and has been widely accepted by a multitude of certificated operators nationwide. These operators include 14CFR parts 91, 121, 125, 135 and 145.

The objective of an ASAP is to encourage employees of air carriers, repair stations, or other entities (collectively referred to as "eligible entities") to voluntarily report safety information that may be critical to identifying potential precursors to accidents. The FAA has determined that identifying these precursors is essential to further reducing the already low accident rate. The establishment of an ASAP is available to any eligible entity that has the resources and ability to effectively implement and operate an ASAP; and is contingent upon the FAA's capacity to effectively manage such an entity's program. Under an ASAP, safety issues are resolved through corrective action rather than through punishment or discipline. The ASAP provides for the collection, analysis, and retention of the safety data obtained through the reporting process. ASAP participants use ASAP safety data, much of which would otherwise be unobtainable, to develop corrective actions for identified safety concerns; and to educate the appropriate parties to prevent a recurrence of the same type of safety event.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite your organization to participate in an ASAP program. Included with this invitation is the Advisory Circular 120-66C which thoroughly explains the ASAP program and necessary infrastructure you will need. At first glance, it may appear by this document that an ASAP program is too resource restrictive for smaller certificate holders. We are sure you may have a great deal of questions regarding this opportunity and are encouraging you to give us a chance to address your concerns.

We are asking that you respond back to your Certificate Management Team or FAA Safety Assurance Office that has oversight responsibility for your certificate by February 28 with your

interest, Yes we are interested, No we are not interested, or Undecided, in an ASAP program. If you are undecided and would like to meet with us, we would be glad to schedule a time to discuss your questions. We do ask that, when you respond with yes or no on the program, you include a brief comment on your decision.

Our goal is to begin meeting with all interested certificate holders in April of 2021. These meetings will be conducted virtually for the most part; and we will contact you for your availability.

Respectfully,

Your Certificate Management Team

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