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SUBJECT: Soliciting Comments by October 28, 2016 on the
Experimental Collaborative Aviation Weather
Statement (CAWS)

Effective 1000 UTC March 1, 2016, the NWS Aviation Weather Center (AWC) in Kansas City, MO, will resume the experimental Collaborative Aviation Weather Statement (CAWS). NWS meteorologists collaborate with airline meteorologists, and other airline and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) personnel to produce the CAWS product. The CAWS focuses on specific, convective impacts to the core 29 airports and high traffic en-route corridors. The product is event-driven, supporting the ability of the FAA to more effectively initiate, adjust or terminate planned or active Traffic Management Initiatives (TMI) and balance traffic demand.

The CAWS product is a step towards the FAA's collaborative Operational Bridging (OB) process. The OB concept is a set of weather forecasting processes, communication tools and engagement protocols between meteorologists and Air Traffic Management (ATM) decision makers. The intent is to accelerate the transition of aviation weather forecasts to be more event-driven, enabling more timely ATM decisions based on improved precision (e.g., location, duration, magnitude of weather) and National Airspace System predictability.

NWSChat (password protected) will be leveraged as a web-based platform for continuous CAWS collaboration. Only authorized users may take part in the CAWS chat. The AWC meteorologists, National Aviation Meteorologists, Center Weather Service Unit meteorologists, ATM decision makers, and others will collaborate on CAWS before issuing it.

The Experimental CAWS will be available from:
1) AWC website: www.aviationweather.gov/caws
2) NWS Telecommunications Gateway:

-WMO header for the text product: FAUS11 KKCI

-AWIPS ID is (AWSTS)

-WMO header for the png graphic is PMNC00 KKCI.

3) FAA Command Center: FAA will issue an advisory when CAWS is issued

The experimental CAWS product will be available 24 hours a day beginning 1000 UTC March 1, 2016, through October 28, 2016. This product will continue to be event-driven.

The Product Description Document can be found at:

http://products.weather.gov/PDD/CAWS_PDD.pdf

NWS is accepting comments through October 28, 2016, via the online survey below:

www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=CAWS

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