



**FAA
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FY 2014 Essential Air Service (EAS) and Economically Distressed Areas (EDA) Determinations

Purpose

The purpose of this guidance is to provide the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 determinations under Title 49 U.S.C. § 47109(f) Special Rule for Economically Distressed Communities, which provides an exception to the 90 percent federal share for grants at smaller airports (i.e. other than Large and Medium-hub) that are both receiving Essential Air Service (EAS) and are located in Economically Distressed Areas (EDA). FAA Regional Airports Offices and Airports District Offices are encouraged to distribute this PGL widely to the airport and consultant community.

Determinations

FAA makes a determination of whether an airport qualifies for the increased 95 percent federal share for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants on an annual basis. Because federal share percentages affect how the agency plans AIP spending, determinations will only be made at the start of the fiscal year on October 1. Once the FAA determines that an airport qualifies for the increased federal share, it will maintain that status for the entire fiscal year, regardless of mid-year changes in Essential Air Service (EAS) or Economically Distressed Area (EDA) status.

In prior years the EDA data was provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). FHWA stopped calculating EDA data in FY 2013. For FY 2014 calculation of EDA areas was conducted by the FAA's Office of Airport Planning and Programming using the same methodology that FHWA had been using. This has caused a delay in determining the locations which qualify for the special rule in FY 2014. Determinations in FY 2015 and beyond are expected to resume on schedule and be made on October 1 of each FY.

For FY 2014, a determination of the airports that meet the Section 47109 (f) criteria was made on February 7, 2014.

The EAS program is administered by the DOT. The DOT office administering the program provides the FAA annually with an official list of all EAS locations. For more information about the EAS program, visit their site here: <http://www.dot.gov/policy/aviation-policy/current-list-eligible-eas-communities>

EDAs are determined through a series of calculations which include unemployment data obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and per capita income data obtained from the Bureau of Economic

Analysis (BEA). Because unemployment data is updated on a monthly rate and per capita income data is updated on an annual rate, it is possible that a community may change EDA status throughout the fiscal year. In order for an airport to be considered for the special rule outlined in Title 49 U.S.C. §47109(f), the community wherein the airport is located, must qualify using the latest data available at the time the calculations are made.

Qualifying Airports

In FY 2013, there were 71 airports that qualified for the special rule. Of those 71 airports, three (3) airports no longer meet the criteria and 15 new airports qualify for a total of 83 qualifying airports as of February 7, 2014 (see Table 1). The 15 new qualifying airports for FY 2014 are marked with an asterisk (*). The 83 qualifying airports will be eligible to receive the higher 95% federal share for grants issued in FY 2014 only. Table 2 provides the list of airports that were on the list of eligible airports in FY 2013, but no longer qualify for FY 2014.

TABLE 1: EAS Locations in EDAs

Of the 146 NPIAS airports receiving EAS, ARP has identified 83 that are located in EDAs as of February 7, 2014. These airports are eligible to receive a 95 percent federal share for AIP grants in FY 2014.

* Indicates new locations in FY 2014

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
AK	ADK	Adak Island	02-0001
AK	7AK	Akutan	02-0005
AK	AGN	Angoon	02-0018
AK	AKA	Atka	02-0394
AK	CEM	Central	02-0045
AK	CZN	Chisana	02-0057
AK	CRC	Circle	02-0407
AK	CDV	Cordova	02-0067
AK	ELV	Elfin Cove	02-0089
AK	FNR	Funter Bay	02-0101
AK	GKN*	Gulkana	02-0110
AK	GST	Gustavus	02-0111
AK	HRR	Healy	02-0414
AK	HYG	Hydaburg	02-0129
AK	KAE	Kake	02-0458
AK	MLY	Manley Hot Springs	02-0170
AK	MYK*	May Creek	02-0173
AK	15Z*	McCarthy	02-0334
AK	MHM	Minchumina	02-0180
AK	51Z	Minto	02-0336

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
AK	PEC	Pelican	02-0216
AK	PSG	Petersburg	02-0219
AK	AHP	Port Alexander	02-0228
AK	RMP	Rampart	02-0244
AK	TKE	Tenakee Springs	02-0295
AK	WRG*	Wrangell	02-0323
AK	YAK	Yakutat	02-0327
AL	MSL	Muscle Shoals	01-0054
AR	ELD*	El Dorado	05-0018
AR	HRO	Harrison	05-0026
AR	JBR	Jonesboro	05-0033
AZ	IGM	Kingman	04-0021
AZ	PRC	Prescott	04-0030
AZ	SOW	Show Low	04-0035
CA	CEC	Crescent City	06-0057
CA	IPL	Imperial	06-0109
CA	MCE	Merced	06-0152
CA	VIS	Visalia	06-0271
CO	ALS*	Alamosa	08-0002
CO	PUB	Pueblo	08-0046
GA	AHN	Athens	13-0006

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
GA	MCN	Macon	13-0079
HI	MUE*	Kamuela	15-0010
IL	DEC	Decatur	17-0033
KS	DDC	Dodge City	20-0017
KS	LBL	Liberal	20-0050
ME	BHB*	Bar Harbor	23-0006
ME	PQI	Presque Isle	23-0039
MI	APN	Alpena	26-0004
MI	ESC	Escanaba	26-0031
MI	CMX	Hancock	26-0041
MI	IWD	Ironwood	26-0050
MI	MBL	Manistee	26-0059
MI	MKG	Muskegon	26-0071
MI	PLN	Pellston	26-0076
MI	CIU	Sault Ste. Marie	26-0139
MN	BJI	Bemidji	27-0010
MN	BRD*	Brainerd	27-0014
MO	JLN	Joplin	29-0037
MO	IRK	Kirksville	29-0045
MS	GLH	Greenville	28-0027
MS	PIB*	Hattiesburg/Laurel	28-0041

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
MS	MEI	Meridian	28-0050
MS	TUP	Tupelo	28-0070
MT	OLF	Wolf Point	30-0086
NE	CDR	Chadron	31-0017
NM	SVC	Silver City	35-0039
NY	JHW	Jamestown	36-0048
NY	MSS	Massena	36-0054
NY	OGS	Ogdensburg	36-0089
NY	PBG	Plattsburgh	36-0229
NY	SLK	Saranac Lake	36-0105
NY	ART*	Watertown	36-0120
OR	PDT	Pendleton	41-0046
PA	DUJ	DuBois	42-0023
PA	JST*	Johnstown	42-0045
PR	MAZ	Mayaguez	72-0010
UT	CDC	Cedar City	49-0005
UT	CNY*	Moab	49-0020
UT	VEL	Vernal	49-0037
WI	RHI*	Rhineland	55-0070
WV	LWB	Lewisburg	54-0012
WV	PKB*	Parkersburg	54-0018

TABLE 2: Airports Qualifying in FY 2013 that do not Qualify in FY 2014

Three (3) locations qualified for the special rule in FY 2013, but do not qualify in FY 2014.

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
PA	BFD	Bradford	42-0008
AK	EXI	Excursion Inlet	02-0095
KS	GCK	Garden City	20-0024