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# Memorandum

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 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 memo widely to the airport and consultant community.

A full listing of the FY 2015 EAS/EDA locations will be made available on the FAA website as soon as possible.

## **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 based on the data available at the start of the fiscal year as soon as possible after 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.

For FY 2015, a determination of the airports that meet the Section 47109 (f) criteria was made on December 11, 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 when the calculations are made at the start of the fiscal year.

### Qualifying Airports

In FY 2014, there were 83 airports that qualified for the special rule. Of those 83 airports, one (1) airport is not included on the updated list of EAS locations provided by DOT and, therefore, not considered in the EDA calculations because it is no longer eligible for the Federal share exception rule. Fifteen (15) new airports qualify as EAS/EDA locations for a total of 97 qualifying airports as of December 11, 2014 (see Table 1). The 15 new qualifying airports for FY 2015 are marked with an asterisk (\*). The 97 qualifying airports will be eligible to receive the higher 95 percent federal share for grants issued in FY 2015 only. Table 2 identifies the airport that was on the list of eligible airports in FY 2014, but no longer qualifies for FY 2015.

**TABLE 1: EAS Locations in EDAs** - Of the 147 NPIAS airports receiving EAS, the FAA has identified 97 that are located in EDAs as of December 11, 2014. These airports are eligible to receive a 95 percent federal share for AIP grants in FY 2015.

\* Indicates new locations in FY 2015

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
AK	ADK	Adak Island	02-0001
AK	7AK	Akutan	02-0005
CO	ALS	Alamosa	08-0002
MI	APN	Alpena	26-0004
AK	AGN	Angoon	02-0018
AK	AKA	Atka	02-0394
ME	BHB	Bar Harbor	23-0006
MN	BJI	Bemidji	27-0010
PA	BFD*	Bradford	42-0008
MN	BRD	Brainerd	27-0014
UT	CDC	Cedar City	49-0005
AK	CEM	Central	02-0045
NE	CDR	Chadron	31-0017
AK	CZN	Chisana	02-0057
AK	CRC	Circle	02-0407
AK	CDV	Cordova	02-0067
CO	CEZ*	Cortez	08-0011
CA	CEC	Crescent City	06-0057
IL	DEC	Decatur	17-0033
AK	DM2*	Diomedes	02-0381
KS	DDC	Dodge City	20-0017
PA	DUJ	DuBois	42-0023
AR	ELD	El Dorado	05-0018
AK	ELV	Elfin Cove	02-0089
MI	ESC	Escanaba	26-0031

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
AK	EXI*	Excursion Inlet	02-0095
MO	TBN*	Fort Leonard Wood (U.S. Army)	29-0091
PA	FKL*	Franklin	42-0032
AK	FNR	Funter Bay	02-0101
MS	GLH	Greenville	28-0027
AK	GKN	Gulkana	02-0110
AK	GST	Gustavus	02-0111
MD	HGR*	Hagerstown	24-0019
MI	CMX	Hancock	26-0041
AR	HRO	Harrison	05-0026
MS	PIB	Hattiesburg/Laurel	28-0041
AK	HRR	Healy	02-0414
AR	HOT*	Hot Springs	05-0031
AK	HYG	Hydaburg	02-0129
CA	IPL	Imperial	06-0109
MN	INL*	International Falls	27-0043
MI	IMT*	Iron Mountain Kingsford	26-0049
MI	IWD	Ironwood	26-0050
TN	MKL*	Jackson	47-0032
NY	JHW	Jamestown	36-0048
PA	JST	Johnstown	42-0045
AR	JBR	Jonesboro	05-0033
MO	JLN	Joplin	29-0037
AK	KAE	Kake	02-0458

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HI	MUE	Kamuela	15-0010	AK	PEC	Pelican	02-0216
AZ	IGM	Kingman	04-0021	MI	PLN	Pellston	26-0076
MO	IRK	Kirksville	29-0045	OR	PDT	Pendleton	41-0046
WV	LWB	Lewisburg	54-0012	AK	PSG	Petersburg	02-0219
KS	LBL	Liberal	20-0050	NY	PBG	Plattsburgh	36-0229
GA	MCN	Macon	13-0079	AK	AHP	Port Alexander	02-0228
MI	MBL	Manistee	26-0059	AZ	PRC	Prescott	04-0030
AK	MLY	Manley Hot Springs	02-0170	ME	PQI	Presque Isle	23-0039
IL	MWA*	Marion	17-0065	CO	PUB	Pueblo	08-0046
NY	MSS	Massena	36-0054	AK	RMP	Rampart	02-0244
AK	MYK	May Creek	02-0173	WI	RHI	Rhineland	55-0070
PR	MAZ	Mayaguez	72-0010	NY	SLK	Saranac Lake	36-0105
AK	15Z	McCarthy	02-0334	MI	CIU	Sault Ste. Marie	26-0139
CA	MCE	Merced	06-0152	AZ	SOW	Show Low	04-0035
MS	MEI	Meridian	28-0050	NM	SVC	Silver City	35-0039
AK	MHM	Minchumina	02-0180	AK	7KA*	Tatitlek	02-0342
AK	51Z	Minto	02-0336	AK	TKE	Tenakee Springs	02-0295
UT	CNY	Moab	49-0020	MS	TUP	Tupelo	28-0070
AL	MSL	Muscle Shoals	01-0054	UT	VEL	Vernal	49-0037
MI	MKG	Muskegon	26-0071	CA	VIS	Visalia	06-0271
NY	OGS	Ogdensburg	36-0089	NY	ART	Watertown	36-0120
KY	PAH*	Paducah	21-0043	MT	OLF	Wolf Point	30-0086
AZ	PGA*	Page	04-0025	AK	WRG	Wrangell	02-0323
WV	PKB	Parkersburg	54-0018	AK	YAK	Yakutat	02-0327

**TABLE 2: Airport Qualifying in FY 2014 that does not Qualify in FY 2015** - One (1) location qualified for the special rule in FY 2014, but does not qualify in FY 2015.

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
GA	AHN	Athens	13-0006