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Dear Aviation Partners,

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Section is pleased to offer our inaugural issue of our aviation newsletter. Our intent is to provide our customers with timely and accurate information regarding the services, programs and projects that the DOTD Aviation Section is administering and managing. With the newsletter, we hope to provide information that is relevant and beneficial, as well as fulfill our mission.

Our mission is to continue to improve our aviation related infrastructure to ensure a safe, modern and well managed system of airports which provides convenient and efficient access to the state for tourism, commerce, recreation and economic development. We also strive to continually modernize the state's aviation system to meet the changing needs of the aviation community.

As we move forward with the development of our newsletter, we encourage and request any comments or thoughts from our customers to assist us in enhancing this service. Initially we will be publishing this newsletter twice a year with the hopes that over time we can justify a quarterly edition.

If my staff and I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (225) 379-3050.

We wish you safe skies and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Bradley R. Brandt
DOTD Aviation Director



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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Richard Nelson is the newest addition to LADOTD Aviation. As an Aviation Program Manager, he will be providing professional assistance and guidance to airports. He was previously employed with Monroe Regional Airport as Director of Operations and Airport Security Coordinator. He graduated from University of Louisiana at Monroe with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Aviation Management. He interned with LADOTD Aviation section in 2007- 2008 and was awarded the Louisiana Airport Managers Associates scholarship in 2008. He is passionate about aviation and striving to achieve his goals with exceptional support from his wife and children.



Josh Duplantis of Houma joined our team in October as an Aviation Safety and Compliance Officer, filling the position that was vacated by Dave Smith. Our safety officers are also known as airport inspectors when they travel throughout Louisiana to perform annual airport inspections or 5010 inspections. Josh comes to us from Louisiana Tech University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the Aviation Management degree program. Like Richard, Josh interned with us during the summer where he brought new ideas and a fresh perspective. Please join us in welcoming Josh to the team when you see him at your airport for inspections!

ART CONTEST

It's time for the 2013 art contest! This year's theme is "My Favorite Air Sport." Submissions will be accepted from children ages 6-17. The deadline to submit the artwork is January 18, 2013. Winners of each age group will have the opportunity to compete for the chance to advance to the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) Art Contest. For details, visit the aviation website displayed on the front of this publication.



Caroline Daigle, Age 10-11, 1st Place 2012

FALSE RIVER REGIONAL WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The General Aviation Subcommittee of the Airport Lighting Committee formed under the Illuminating Engineering Society (IESALC) in 1929 is purposed to enhance the nation's general aviation airports in the area of safety and utilization through the use of low cost, high performance visual aids for the flying public. Once a year, IESALC holds a conference where presentations about current innovations in airfield lighting are given in an effort to improve upon lighting technology. This year, False River Regional Airport was presented with the 2012 IESALC Award for Excellence for the Design and Implementation of a Solar Powered Airfield Lighting Circuit. Mr. Allen Taylor of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Aviation Section is also named on the award as Lighting Designer. In an effort to reduce the maintenance cost and increase the performance of the airfield lighting, False River Regional Airport has installed a solar powered lighting system that will be tested in years to come. This test project may provide the blueprint for airports nationwide to implement solar technology to substantially cut operating costs, saving valuable tax dollars. False River Regional Airport and Mr. Allen Taylor were presented the award at the IESALC Fall Conference on Thursday, October 18 of this year.

TITLE 70 REVISIONS

The revisions to Louisiana Administrative Code Title 70 are on the way to being published as final rule. The Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works held a public hearing on Monday, November 19 to hear and discuss any final questions or comments to the proposed revisions. The proposed revisions were passed unanimously by the committee and moved for submittal of final rule. The proposed revisions addressed the increase of 100% programmed state funds for commercial service airports to \$3 million and general aviation airports to \$1 million each fiscal year and clarified the language on 100% project application procedures.

AEX CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF MILLIONS IN PROJECTS

On Wednesday, December 5, 2012, the sponsors of Alexandria International Airport (AEX) cut the ribbon on over \$17 million in capital improvement projects. These projects include: fuel farm relocation, fuel farm access road, southwest ramp rehabilitation, high mast ramp lighting, and fire/rescue vehicles as well as rapid interventions vehicles (RIVs). The majority of the \$17 million was allocated to the new fuel farm and the access road which cost collectively over \$9 million. The old fuel system was capable of pumping 1 million gallons per 72 hours. The new system can pump four times as much in the same time period. The justification or theme of the projects is disaster relief and military surge operations support. Air support units coming to the aid of Louisiana will be able to stage their operations at AEX with the capability to access all the fuel needed as well as operate safely and efficiently at night. The Federal Aviation Administration together with the Aviation Section of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development provided the funding necessary to complete these projects.

SOUTH LOUISIANA AVIATION PREPARES FOR SUPER BOWL XLVII

Every year the Super bowl brings a cascade of tourism to the host city and state. For example, last year in Indianapolis, over 38,000 additional passengers traveled through the nearest commercial service airport (Indianapolis International Airport). That was an increase of 58% at one airport alone. There was an overall increase in traffic of 347% in surrounding airports as well with a 2,400% increase at one of those facilities. Now, what does this mean for aviation in Louisiana? Super Bowl Preparedness actions have already been taken by those airports, as well as the LADOTD, forecasted to be affected by the event. Those airports include: South Lafourche, Houma-Terrebonne, New Orleans Lakefront, Louisiana Regional, Hammond Northshore Regional, Lafayette Regional, Baton Rouge Metro, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Gulfport Biloxi International, Stennis International, Picayune Municipal and Slidell. With those preparations, the Super Bowl Host Committee has set up a website with a theme of "Know Before You Go" for aviators traveling to the game. Anyone flying in is strongly encouraged to visit the website at <http://www.neworleanssuperbowl.com/plan/transportation/corporateaviation.php>

STATE SYSTEM PLAN

The Louisiana Aviation System Plan update is well underway. The purpose of the system plan is to establish a viable, balanced, integrated system of airports in Louisiana. On November 14, a visioning workshop was conducted by the consultants with DOTD and the chairs of each of the advisory committees. Heath Allen, Louisiana Airport Manager's and Associates (LAMA) President along with Bradley Brandt, DOTD Aviation Director, attended the workshop. The consultants have completed the drafts of the first two technical memos (Performance Criteria, Measurements and Benchmarks, and Trends Analysis) and submitted them to DOTD for review. The kickoff meetings for the Aviation Advisory Committee will be scheduled in March 2013.

