

TTHP HF011

Part 141 Pilot School Model

Feasibility Study

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✈ OVERVIEW

- To maintain currency, FAA Aviation Safety Inspectors (ASI) travel to AJW 32 located at Fort Worth Alliance Airport (AFW)
- There are approximately 440 ASIs for General Aviation Operations
- Currency training is provided by a contracted vendor operating under 14 CFR Part 61, but modeled after Part 135 specifications
- During the currency training, an ASI flies with an instructor pilot (IP) employed and trained by the vendor
- Two main concerns with regard to the current model
 - High IP turnover rate (for piston airplanes)
 - Turnover hampers training administered to the IPs and FAA oversight of AJW-32 standardization pilots

✈ FOCUS

- Determine the best model for vendor requirements (e.g., Part 141)
- Explore shifting the FAA oversight to the FSDO

✈ GOAL

- Identify gaps
 - Determine a model to provide more structured oversight of the vendor(s)
 - Reduce the utilization of FAA standardization pilots for ASI training
- Provide recommendations
 - Utilize a Part 141 certificated vendor that would address many of the gaps and issues
 - Options include Part 141 Appendix K
 - Vendor could be already certificated or provisional holder

✈ APPROACH

- Reviewed the current model
- Visited AJW-32
 - Met with FAA personnel
 - Toured the facilities
 - Observed instructional training of ASIs
- Performed literature review (e.g. training manual, regulations)
- Proposed a feasible model to address the current issues

✈ BENEFIT

- Provided an acceptable model to meet AJW-32 requirements
- Reduce AJW-32 FAA standardization pilots' ancillary duties
- Reallocate FAA oversight to the FSDO for the ASI currency training program
- Provide a broader selection of potential vendors

✈ IMPACT

- To provide a solution to the FAA AJW-32 to address these gaps and issues
- To create more structured FAA oversight through Part 141 certification of training provider
- To relieve AJW-32 standardization pilots of excessive duties

✈ CHALLENGES

- Provisional status and maintenance of perspective vendors' Part 141 certifications
- Bid
- Transition time
- Single/multiple vendors

