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**SUBJECT:** Chief Engineer's Directive: FAA  
Cold Weather Early Start Request

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), under the authority of 49 USC 47110(b)(2)(D), may authorize participation in construction costs that a Sponsor incurs prior to grant execution, provided early start approval is secured from the FAA in advance. This provision is especially important in Alaska, where short construction seasons make it necessary to begin work as early as possible.

Project teams should pursue this authorization for all construction projects with FAA discretionary Airport Improvement Program funds.

Use FAA Form 5100-142, for all eligible projects, to maximize our available construction season. The request must be approved by FAA prior to construction Notice to Proceed.

Attachments: FAA Form 5100-142, Sponsor Request for FAA Acknowledgement for Cold Weather Early Start

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