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NGATS INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES STATEMENT OF WORK FOR SPECTRUM ANALYSIS TASK

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Washington, DC – The Next Generation Air Transportation System (NGATS) Institute, in cooperation with the Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO) and the Shared Situational Analysis Integrated Product Team (IPT) announce the request for proposals for an analysis study of spectrum and bandwidth use needed to implement the next generation air transportation system (NGATS).

The selected contractor will be asked to conduct a survey of programs and initiatives aimed at increasing spectrum capacity / bandwidth in the context of the NGATS vision. This analysis is a critical initial component of a viable NGATS roadmap and architecture.

NGATS Institute Executive Director Steve Fisher discussed the importance of this task as an important element for future NGATS development. “Simply stated, without an assessment of the current spectrum bandwidth, and without the identification of a meaningful, reliable solution to increase bandwidth capacity, many of the NGATS capabilities will not be fully realized. It is essential for us to understand capacity limits – and find ways to expand capacity – in order to increase the reliability, speed, and detail of information shared between air traffic controllers and pilots.”

Those interested in more information about this task should visit the NGATS Institute website for more information, or contact Benjamin Corb via e-mail at ben.ctr.corb@faa.gov or via telephone at 202.220.3362. Bids received after 5:00PM EST on Friday, February 2, 2007 will not be accepted.

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