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**NGATS INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES STATEMENT OF WORK TO  
DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS CONTROL  
SYSTEM**

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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 Security Integrated Product Team (SIPT) announce the request for proposals for a study focused on a to plan for the development and implementation of a fully operational low altitude airspace emergency management communications, navigation, surveillance, and weather system, applicable to both the civil and government first responders, which can support both fixed and rotary wing operations.

NGATS Institute Acting Executive Director Benjamin Corb said of the announcement, “Recent national security and emergency management events have highlighted how very important it is that local, state and federal emergency management organizations can communicate effectively to respond to disasters. This tasks is an important step in helping to make NextGen a useful tool to serve and protect Americans.”

Thos 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 202.220.3357. Bids received after 12:00PM EST on Friday, May 11, 2007 will not be accepted.

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