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1. WSDOT Offers Third Round of Local Airport Aid Grants

WSDOT Aviation reminds Washington airport sponsors that a third round of grants for the 2003 – 2005 biennium is being offered through the Local Airport Aid Grant Program. This round of grants has approximately \$500,000 available for any projects eligible under the Local Airport Aid Grant Program. Higher priority will be given to airports that can demonstrate an ability to complete their proposed projects by the end of this biennium (June 30, 2005). Applications must be submitted to WSDOT Aviation no later than December 31, 2004. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized during January 2005 and grant awards will be announced no later than February 1, 2005.

WSDOT Aviation also reminds airport sponsors with currently open grants that the grant close out date is June 30, 2005. Sponsors should be making significant progress on their projects in order to meet this deadline.

WSDOT's Local Airport Aid Grant Program is funded through aviation fuel and state aircraft and airman registration fees. The three-cent increase on aviation fuel, along with the \$7 registration increase in July 2003, has generated enough money to enable this third round of grants.

For more information on the Local Airport Aid Grant Program, and to download an application, go to: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/grants/default.htm>

2. Attention Aircraft Owners: Renew Your Registration Online for 2005

As we approach the end of 2004, the Washington State Department of Transportation reminds aircraft owners that your current state aircraft registration will expire on December 31, 2004.

For your convenience, you can now renew your aircraft registration online. Simply go to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation> and click "Register Online Here". If you already have an online account with us, log in using your email address and personal password. If you are a new user, please use your temporary user id and password.

If renewing by mail, please make sure you have the correct amount. To verify the amount, go to: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/registration/FeeSchedule.htm>

More information about aircraft registration is available at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/registration/faq.htm> or by contacting us at 1.800.552.0666.



3. WSDOT Updates Aviation Element in Disaster Response Plans

WSDOT Aviation Emergency Services Coordinator, Tom Peterson, has attended several meetings recently at the Washington Emergency Management Division to update the aviation element of the Mount St. Helens Response Plan. Because multiple agencies will be called to respond should a large eruption occur, Peterson is working diligently to incorporate a well-coordinated aviation

component. As the mix of federal, state and local agencies brings a variety of priorities to response and recovery plans, WSDOT Aviation's goal is to ensure the priorities concerning flight operations are executed as safely as possible.

"The cooperation has been really impressive," said Peterson. "The war in Iraq and Afghanistan has taken away a lot of the available military helicopters that were relied upon during the 1980 eruption and in subsequent response plans. This means we have to rely more on state coordinated assets."

4. WSDOT Aviation Sponsors 2005 I.A. Re-certification Clinics

WSDOT Aviation is pleased to announce two I.A. Re-certification clinics in March 2005.

Saturday March 5, 2005

Holiday Inn

22318 84th Ave. S.

Renton, WA

7:00am to 6:00p.m.

Saturday March 19, 2005

Hampton Inn

2010 S. Assembly Rd

Spokane, WA

7:00.a.m. to 6:00.p.m.

Presented by Hoffman Pilot Center, Inc., the clinics are offered to Washington State registered pilots and mechanics only. **There will be a charge of \$100.00 per person for the 2005 clinics.**

Hoffman Pilot Center staff, industry representatives, and FAA personnel will cover topics such as maintenance resources, and relationships with manufacturers, suppliers and customers. There will be presentations and discussions on propellers, turbines, safety equipment, aircraft corrosion, and composite technology. Additional discussions will include MELs, suspected unapproved parts and accidents related to maintenance.

You can register for these classes online at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/IARenewMar05.htm>. You may also register by calling 1-800-552-0666. Pre-payment for registration is required. Please make checks payable to WSDOT.

5. Port of Olympia to Apply for Grant to Fund Seaplane Docks

Rudy Rudolph, new airport manager for the Port of Olympia, has indicated the Port's plan to apply for a grant that would fund two temporary floating docks for seaplane use. Rudolph will apply for funding during the upcoming grant cycle, which represents the third round of grants that WSDOT Aviation will offer this biennium. Manufactured by a company called Jet Dock, the docks will allow aircraft to drive right up onto the floats (see picture to the right). WSDOT Aviation is excited about the Port's interest in accommodating seaplane activity out of the State Capitol and has offered its full support for the project.



6. Adopt an Airport Program Extends to Tieton

State Airports Maintenance Supervisor, Jim Scott, recently met with several snowmobile groups that operate around the Tieton area during the winter. Prompted by interest from

the Yakima Snow Groomers Association, the groups expressed interest in helping to maintain Tieton State Airport during the summer months as a way to continue the winter use. At least one club has signed up to adopt the airport. Scott will meet with the club to develop a scope of the work, which will outline the volunteer duties they will perform. WSDOT Aviation would like to see all the state airports adopted by more than one group, which will spread out the workload and encourage more involvement from all types of recreational users.