## FAA Eastern Region Signs MOU to Allow Companies to Participate in ACSF-managed ASAP Program

The FAA Eastern Region last Friday signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that will allow charter operators and flight departments in the eastern United States to participate in the Air Charter Safety Foundation (ACSF) managed aviation safety action program (ASAP).

"We are extremely pleased that the FAA Eastern Region is allowing the ACSF to offer this invaluable safety tool to charter operators and flight departments under its jurisdiction," said ACSF president Bryan Burns. "Companies using ASAP have benefited greatly by learning about and resolving safety issues before an unfortunate safety event occurs."

An ASAP is a reporting program that allows employees of participating companies to identify and report safety issues to both management and the FAA for resolution, without fear that the FAA will use reports accepted under the program for legal enforcement action against them, or that companies will use reported information to take disciplinary action.

The ACSF already has MOUs in place in the FAA Great lakes and Western-Pacific Regions. "Adding the Eastern Region opens this program to another group of charter operators and flight departments that otherwise wouldn't have the resources to establish their own ASAP program and benefit from this state-of-the-art safety tool," noted Burns.

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