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DEFINITION OF THE PROMOTION ROLE OF THE FAA OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE
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Abstract

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation (designated by its organizational code, AST) is required, through its enabling legislation, to carry out two main activities: to “encourage, facilitate, and promote” as well as to “regulate” the commercial space transportation industry. AST performs both its EFP and regulatory responsibilities with the overall purpose of ensuring the safety of the uninvolved public. This dual-purpose role is consistent with the FAA Vision and is performed in harmony with the four FAA Values. This paper will provide an initial overview of AST’s administrative structures to provide the context for the rest of the discussion. The organizational, functional, and product structures will be diagrammed and described. Next, five major categories of EFP activities will be identified and the strategic goals for each will be defined. Examples of specific activities within each category will then be provided and detailed.

NOTES: 1. Public Law 98-575, Commercial Space Launch Act, 49 U.S.C 2601-23, signed into law on 1984 October 30, and Pub. L. 108-492, Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004”, signed into law on 2004 December 23. 2. “We continue to improve the safety and efficiency of flight. We are responsive to our customers and are accountable to the taxpayer and the flying public.” Quoted from the 2009-2013 FAA Flight Plan. 3. (1) Safety is our passion; (2). Quality is our trademark; (3). Integrity is our character; (4). People are our strength. Taken from the 2009-2013 FAA Flight Plan.