

To: Office of Management and Budget

March 31, 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided funding for airport development. This funding of \$1,100,000,000 is intended to improve facilities and equipment needed for the National Airspace System (NAS) at our nation's airports. ARRA requires that 50 percent of the ARRA grants be awarded within 120 days after enactment of the Act, or by June 16, 2009. To ensure ARRA grants are awarded quickly and within the timeframes established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Act, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requests approval to use OMB's emergency processing system to meet Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requirements.

FAA is required to report data about grants funded through ARRA. FAA intends to collect new information from grant recipients about use of ARRA funds, including such elements as jobs created and retained.

The Act establishes a June 16, 2009 deadline for issuing the first half of the ARRA grants. FAA therefore requests an approval date before April 3, 2009. Without a waiver of OMB's normal approving process, FAA will not meet the requirements set by ARRA to expeditiously award contract actions and thus delay funding impact on America's recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Heibeck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Wayne Heibeck
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