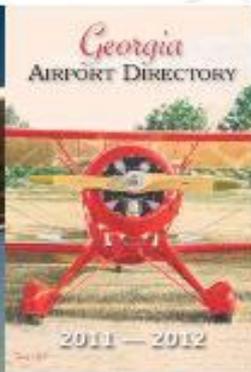


FAA Air Tower Control Tower Closure Update

Intermodal Committee
April 17, 2013



Federal Contract Tower Program Background

- Since 1982, has provided air traffic control services to 251 airports
- Program's primary advantages:
 - Enhances safe operations at previously non-towered airports
 - Improved FAA ATC services
 - Provides significant cost savings to FAA
- There are six federal contract towers in Georgia:
 - SW Georgia Regional (Albany)
 - Ben Epps Field (Athens)
 - Cobb County - McCollum Field (Atlanta)
 - Fulton County - Brown Field (Atlanta)
 - Gwinnett County (Lawrenceville)
 - Middle Georgia Regional (Macon)

Contract Tower Closure Timeline

March 22:

- FAA announced elimination of funding for 149 contract towers; part of required \$637 million sequestration budget cuts
- Initially proposed 189 contract towers to close however re-evaluated for national interest:
 - (1) significant threat to national security
 - (2) significant adverse economic impact
 - (3) significant impact to transportation, communication, or banking/financial centers
 - (4) A critical diversionary to a large hub airport
- A phased four-week closure process to begin April 7th

Contract Tower Closure Timeline

March 27:

- FAA announced closure schedule:
 - April 21st Athens, Macon
 - May 5th Albany, Cobb County, Gwinnett County
- Fulton County-Brown Field removed from closure list

April 5:

- FAA announced Tower Closure Date delayed until June 15
 - Allows FAA to resolve multiple legal challenges to closure decision
 - Provide FAA and airports more time to facilitate better transition

Contract Tower Closure Timeline

April 11:

- President's proposed FY14 budget released
 - Included full funding for ATCT Program

June 15:

- Current closure date for Georgia's affected towers



Questions?