The Honorable J. Randolph Babbitt
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, S.W.
Washington, DC 20591

May 10, 2010

Dear Administrator Babbitt,

As representatives of the aviation industry and users of local airports and the National Airspace System (NAS), we write regarding our desire to be more involved in the important decision-making processes that will affect the NAS as we move towards NextGen.

These decision-making processes include the selection of candidates for planned NextGen implementation efforts, NextGen-driven airspace redesign efforts in the vicinity of airports, and the realignment of air traffic control facilities and services.

Because of the potential impact on the safety and efficiency of operations at local airports, we believe it is imperative that all stakeholders are involved as the FAA develops its plans. Moreover, local communities and those who use and work in the NAS should be afforded the opportunity to provide input into these decision-making processes.

Collectively with the FAA, we are all custodians of the NAS and help maintain the public trust and confidence in the system. Involving stakeholders in the FAA’s decision-making process would provide the FAA with a wealth of resources to ensure that we maximize safety, efficiency and the level of services in the National Airspace System.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to working collaboratively with you.

Sincerely,

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Air Line Pilots Association
Airports Council International – North America
American Association of Airport Executives
Association of Flight Attendants – CWA
National Air Traffic Controllers Association
National Air Transportation Association
National Business Aviation Association
Professional Aviation Safety Specialists