




Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement –
FAA’s Award and Oversight of eFAST
Procurements
Federal Aviation Administration
Project No: 16Z3005Z000

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To: Director, Audit and Evaluation

The Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) preferred vehicle for small business procurements—known as the Electronic FAA Accelerated and Simplified Tasks (eFAST)—offers a broad range of professional and support services categorized into eight functional areas.¹ Currently, there are more than 600 small businesses that hold agreements under eFAST to provide prime contractor services in one or more functional areas. The total maximum value of these eFAST agreements is \$7.4 billion over a 15-year period.²

Since 2010, FAA has awarded over \$1.5 billion to small businesses through eFAST. Serving as FAA’s chosen mechanism to fulfill the Agency’s small business goals, eFAST can also be used by all Federal agencies on a limited basis and when in the best interest of the Government. Regardless of whether the requirement originates from FAA or another Federal agency, an eFAST award is administered under FAA’s Acquisition Management System requirements.

Given the considerable taxpayer dollars involved across Federal agencies, we are initiating this audit with the objectives to evaluate FAA’s processes for (1) awarding and (2) overseeing eFAST procurements.

¹ eFAST’s eight functional areas include: (1) Air Transportation Support; (2) Business Administration and Management, (3) Research and Development, (4) Computer/Information Systems Development, (5) Computer Systems Support, (6) Documentation and Training, (7) Engineering Services, and (8) Maintenance and Repair.

² The 15-year period of performance lasts through September 30, 2019, and includes an additional 5-year option period.

We plan to begin this work immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 202-366-5225, or Darren Murphy, Program Director, at 206-255-1929.

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