

Misc. FAA Updates:

- 1) *FAA Innovation Centers Concept***
- 2) *2016 CSTA AM Workshop Overview***

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EASA AM Workshop

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Cologne, Germany

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The Concept of FAA Innovation Center(s)

Slides courtesy of Mr. R. Ganley
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Innovation Center

- Key element of the new AIR Policy & Innovation function
- Provides robust mechanism to address new technologies and MOC
 - Late awareness can result in project delays
- Be more proactive prior to the initial project application
 - Identify new technology or MOCs beyond scope of the existing regulations and policy
- Supports FAA efforts to streamline certification process
- Success is dependent OEMs buying into the concept.
 - Early engagement
 - Company proprietary / intellectual property concerns

Innovation Center

- AIR developed a high-level standardized / phased process
 - Pre-Application Phases
 1. Discovery
 2. Selection & Prioritization
 3. Analysis
 4. Resolution & Output
 - Post-Application Phases
 5. Compliance



Innovation Center

- FY17 Activities
 - Develop implementation plan
 - Develop process / phase details
 - Pilot “Process” on specific projects
 - Develop and Implement Share Point site
 - Identify potential technologies for consideration by the FAA Innovation Center



Compliance Library

- Innovation Center's Compliance Library
 - Contains acceptable MOC
 - Two components (Public & Internal FAA-only)
- OEM MOCs contained in Compliance Library are accepted as approved
- AIR is developing a standardized process





Joint FAA – Air Force (CSTA) Workshop on Qualification / Certification of Additively Manufactured Parts

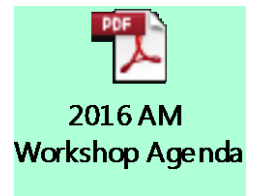
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Aug. 30 – Sept. 1, 2016

Tec^Edge Facility
Dayton, OH

Workshop facilitator: Mr. Brad Cowles, *Cowles Consulting, LLC*

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Note: Proceedings of the 2015 FAA-AF AM Workshop were published as external FAA report:

<http://www.tc.faa.gov/its/worldpac/techrpt/tc16-15.pdf>

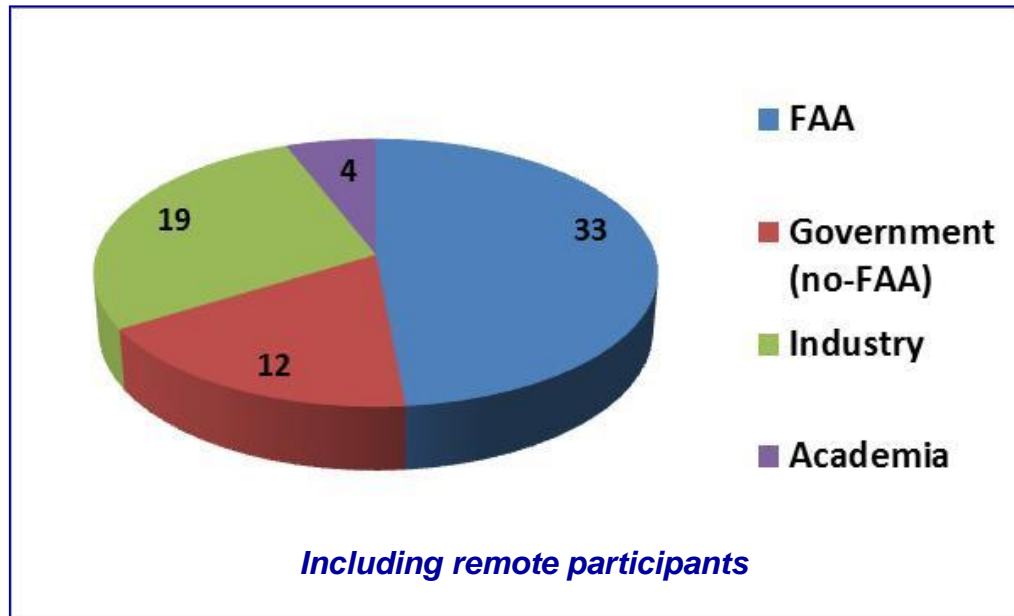


CSTA Workshop Objectives

- **Continue** educating FAA workforce in the area of AM technology → ~ 75% overlap with 2015 attendees
- Benchmark **evolving** qualification / certification considerations and requirements across the regulatory agencies → Qual / Cert perspective from 7 agencies
- Benchmark **evolving** OEM AM qualification methodologies and best practices → Qual perspective from 9 companies
- Expand discussion to involve **supply chain** representatives
- Promote inter-agency collaboration and industry / academia / government **partnership**
- Continue **dialogue** between the AMNT and regional offices (ACOs, MIDOs, FSDOs) → VoC discussion with sites

- **Build Upon the Outcomes of the 2015 AM Workshop**
- **Tailored Presentations - Focus on Enablers for Qual & Cert**

2016 AM Workshop Demographics



About 75% overlap with 2015 FAA attendance → promotes continuous learning process

14 FAA Sites Represented at the Workshop:

- HQ
- Four Directorates:
 - Transport Airplane
 - Engine and Propeller
 - Small Airplane
 - Rotorcraft
- Tech Center
- LAACO
- Chicago ACO
- Denver ACO
- Atlanta ACO
- Wichita ACO
- Scottsdale FSDO / MIDO
- Vandalia MIDO
- Memphis FSDO

ACO – Aircraft Certification Office
FSDO – Flight Standards District Office
MIDO – Manufacturing Inspection District Office

2016 AM Workshop Observations

- **Strong participation by the government agencies, industry and academia highlights sustained high interest in AM qualification / certification**
- **Presentations by Airbus and EASA suggest the level of maturity and challenges of AM are generally consistent between US and Europe**
- **Progressive increase in the level of parts criticality across the industry**
 - Safety-critical part for V-22 Osprey (NAVAIR)
 - AM Medical implants
 - A variety of space and satellite parts, including human-rated flights
- **Industry is moving towards full-scale production of AM parts**
 - e.g. GE fuel nozzle production ramping up from 1,000 to 40,000 parts per year (within 5 years)
- **Broad efforts to develop AM standards, specifications, and guidelines, but current level of maturity is still relatively low**
 - America Makes and ANSI are identifying and addressing “gaps”
- **Initial FAA “checklists” - MIDO “Job Aide” and AM Engineering Memorandum**
- **Strong positive feedback from multiple workshop attendees**

Industry Trends in AM (*next few years*)

based in part on Workshop outcomes

- Increase in the number of certification requests
- AM expanding to Aftermarket and MROs
- Moving to full scale production
- Increase in AM parts complexity
- Increase in AM parts criticality (see pp. 8-9)
- Moving from full vertical integration to external AM supply chain
- Evolving specs and standards landscape
- Evolving from point design to part families qualification
- Development of material and processes modeling frameworks (ICME)
- ...

2016 Workshop Preliminary Conclusions

courtesy of Brad Cowles

- **AM is a tool, not a solution for everything: Industry consensus is to proceed on a “thoughtful and deliberate” basis**
- **Potential for high variation in AM processes requires rigorous attention:**
 - Machine and supplier qualification
 - Frozen processes with feedback and monitoring mechanisms established
 - Software and hardware version control and protection
 - Personnel development and training – especially machine operators

2016 Workshop Preliminary Conclusions

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- **Significant quality and manufacturing issues for AM processes must be rigorously addressed for qualification and certification, including:**
 - Process variation, controls, and in-process monitoring
 - Characterization and control of process-related defects and anomalies
 - Post-deposit processing such as stress-relief, HIP, and heat treatment
 - Quality and control of input powder metal
 - Revert and re-use of input powder
 - Surface finish and post-deposit finishing processes
 - NDE
- **Potential methods and approaches for zoning parts should be considered – to address defects, variation and risk**
- **Qualification and certification must address the manufacturing process, the specific part, and the potential system impact**

Workshop Proceedings

- **2015** FAA-AF Workshop proceedings published as an external FAA report:

➤ <http://www.tc.faa.gov/its/worldpac/techrpt/tc16-15.pdf>

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- **2016** FAA-AF Workshop proceedings are *to be published* in early 2017