

GRANT ASSURANCE #34

Source: *Airport Sponsor Assurances* (4/2012)

[http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/grant_assurances/media/airport_sponsor_assurances_2012.pdf]

34. Policies, Standards, and Specifications. It will carry out the project in accordance with policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary including but not limited to the advisory circulars listed in the Current FAA Advisory Circulars for AIP projects, dated _____ (the latest approved version as of this grant offer) and included in this grant, and in accordance with applicable state policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary.

Purpose: The purpose of this obligation is to ensure that the most current policies, standards, and specifications are used on federal funded airport improvement projects and to take advantage of the latest technologies approved for use by FAA.

The current date of this list of advisory circulars is **April 16, 2013**. This used to be called the Advisory Circular Checklist (or the AC Checklist).

AIP-funded projects must use the information contained in the FAA advisory circulars that are current as of this published date as they ensure that adequate facilities and equipment will be available to meet public needs.

Airport improvements that go above and beyond the requirements specified by the FAA advisory circulars in the AC Checklist would not normally be AIP eligible. FAA (or NHDOT) will review requests to exceed the standards on a case-by-case basis. If the requested standards are not included in the AC Checklist but the FAA (or NHDOT) requires their use, a special grant condition will be issued to document their use eligibility in the project.

“Standards that become effective after the date of allocation may be applied to the project by mutual agreement between the FAA and the sponsor”

Source: FAA Order 5100.38C

There are more advisory circulars and engineering briefs describing FAA's design and construction requirements than are listed on the AC Checklist. This AC Checklist is intended to represent the minimum requirements needed at airports to provide adequate facilities and equipment to meet public needs. Advisory circulars in the 70 and 150 series are listed in the AC Checklist.

This grant assurance is also related to Grant Assurance #17 (Construction Inspection and Approval).

Resources:

- FAA Order 5100.38C, *Airport Improvement Program Handbook*, Chapters 1 & 5, (http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/aip_handbook/)
- [*The AC Checklist*] FAA Advisory Circulars Required for Use in AIP-Funded and PFC-Approved Projects (http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/media/aip_pfc_checklist_apr2013.pdf)
- Title 49 USC §47106(a) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2011-title49/pdf/USCODE-2011-title49-subtitleVII-partB-chap471-subchapl-sec47106.pdf>)

Key Concept to Remember:

- *Always be sure that you are using the current AC Checklist. Standards change for a reason, to enhance aviation safety. If the current AC Checklist is not being followed, there's no way to ensure that adequate aeronautical facilities and equipment will be available to meet public needs.*