

# **A76 study offers NOTHING to Air Traffic Control Modernization**

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**The FAA is currently in the process of modernizing Air Traffic Control services.**

Technological upgrades of outdated Flight Service equipment will soon result in dramatic improvements in the services provided to the aviation community. Many of those services enhance aviation safety and security.

**Hundreds of millions in tax dollars are being spent on these vitally needed computer program upgrades.**

The agency has already committed to expenditures on system upgrades like the following programs (figures are approximate):

<b>OASIS</b>	\$345,000,000
<b>SUAIS</b>	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Voice Switch System</b>	\$ 40,000,000
<b>NSTS (NOTAM System)</b>	\$ 1,000,000

**These millions -- and much more -- will be wasted if the FAA privatizes the functions of Flight Service Controllers through the A-76 process.**

Simply put, the FAA is using the A76 review process to "save" money by cutting experienced staff and turning their functions over to outside contractors. But the result will have an opposite effect.

**And the A76 review process will not result in any new technological innovations for Air Traffic Control.**

The programs now being developed for Controllers' use will be tossed aside. If the FAA's plan to sell Air Traffic Control services goes through, taxpayers' dollars will not have been "saved."

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**Only Congress can stop FAA's WASTEFUL spending of tax dollars.**

Funding for FAA's current A76 review process should be withheld, giving Congress the opportunity to hold hearings before the agency wastes another dime of the taxpayers' money. Modernization is too important for aviation safety and security.

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