



Module 4 – Communications, Community Relations, Air Service & Future Trends



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This module explores the airport's critical role in external engagement and its adaptation to the evolving aviation landscape. We will cover effective strategies for stakeholder communications, including interactions with governing boards and broader community engagement. The curriculum delves into airport public relations, comprehensive marketing techniques to promote services and brand identity, and the detailed processes involved in Air Service Development (ASD) aimed at attracting and retaining vital airline services. Additionally, we will examine airport noise abatement initiatives, focusing on FAA Part 150 and Part 161 studies and various noise mitigation strategies.

A significant portion of the module is dedicated to an overview of the National Airspace System (NAS), covering airspace classifications, air traffic control operations, the role of NAVAIDS, the transformative impact of NextGen initiatives, challenges related to airport capacity and delay, and emerging aviation trends such as Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and commercial spaceports. The integrated cybersecurity focus will address the security of communication platforms, the protection of stakeholder and customer data in marketing and PR activities, safeguarding sensitive ASD analytical systems and noise monitoring data, and thoroughly considering the unique cybersecurity challenges and opportunities presented by NextGen technologies and the integration of UAVs into the NAS.

Lecture Focus

Stakeholder relations, public relations, marketing, air service development, noise abatement, National Airspace System (NAS) overview, and future aviation technologies (NextGen, UAVs, Commercial Space).

Cybersecurity Focus

Securing marketing platforms and customer data, cybersecurity in Air Service Development (ASD) data analysis, protecting noise monitoring systems, cybersecurity challenges of NextGen technologies, Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle (UAV) security, securing communication with external stakeholders, and overall cyber risk management in these contexts.

Course Outcomes & Objectives Alignment

- **Outcome 1:** Demonstrate an understanding of the cybersecurity measures necessary to protect stakeholder data and ensure secure communication in airport administration.
 - **Objective 1.4:** Analyze stakeholder communication systems to determine vulnerabilities and propose methods for securing sensitive exchanges.
- **Outcome 2:** Explain how cybersecurity impacts the safety and integrity of flight operations within the U.S. airspace system, ensuring secure communication and data exchange.
 - **Objective 2.3:** Assess the effectiveness of intrusion detection systems (IDS) in preventing cyberattacks on ATC systems.
 - **Objective 2.4:** Apply encryption protocols to secure flight operation data exchanges between aircraft and ATC.
- **Outcome 3:** Analyze the role of governance structures in implementing cybersecurity practices that comply with federal regulations and protect airport management systems.
 - **Objective 3.3:** Evaluate compliance with cybersecurity regulations by conducting periodic audits to ensure adherence to FAA and TSA standards.
 - **Objective 3.5:** Monitor and adapt cybersecurity practices to stay aligned with updates to federal and state regulations.
- **Outcome 5:** Evaluate cybersecurity risks in airport commercial

development and property management, applying solutions to safeguard digital systems and tenant data.

- **Objective 5.1:** Recall the importance of encryption in securing tenant and contractor data during commercial transactions.
- **Objective 5.3:** Assess tenant and contractor data protection measures to ensure compliance with airport cybersecurity protocols.
- **Objective 5.4:** Develop security measures to protect digital property management systems and ensure the confidentiality of sensitive data.
- **Outcome 6:** Assess the cybersecurity considerations in managing the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and capital development funding processes to prevent cyber threats and ensure data integrity.
 - **Objective 6.2:** Explain the role of vendor cybersecurity practices in ensuring the security of capital development projects.
 - **Objective 6.4:** Evaluate the cybersecurity practices of vendors and contractors to mitigate third-party risks.
 - **Objective 6.5:** Develop a secure grant management system that protects funding-related data from cyber threats (contextually for ASD incentives/data if grants involved).

CM Module Content

- **CM Module 4:** Stakeholder Communications and the National Airspace System (Airport Board and Stakeholder Relations, Stakeholder Engagement)
- **CM Module 4:** Public Relations, Marketing and Air Service Development (Public Relations, Airport Marketing, Air Service Development (ASD))

- **CM Module 4: Airport Noise Abatement** (The Airport Noise Abatement Program, The Part 150 Process)
- **CM Module 4: Airspace, Air Traffic Control (ATC) and Navigational Aids (NAVAIDS)** (The National Airspace System (NAS), Air Traffic Control, NAVAIDS, Airport Capacity and Delay, Future Trends including NextGen, UAVs, Commercial Space Transportation)

Lesson Materials

Module 4 – Overview

Web Page



Module 4 – Reading

Web Page



Module 4 - Presentation

PDF document



Module 4 – Podcast

Audio



Module 4 – Supplemental Websites and Videos

Web Page



Graded Assignments



Module 4 - Quiz

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