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(Alphabetical Order by Last Name)

Mr. Charles A. Davis

*Manager, Budget and Finance Division,
Aviation Safety (AVS) Organization
Federal Aviation Administration*

Mr. Davis manages and directs the day to day financial operations of the Aviation Safety Organization. His division is responsible for the, formulation, presentation and execution of the AVS Operation Appropriation and collaborating on the F&E and R,E&D budgets. Personnel within his division are responsible for monitoring and evaluating AVS staffing levels and associated funding, and conducting organizational A-123 and A-76 program reviews. His division is also responsible for leading the development of the organization's Safety Critical Workforce Staffing Model.

A member of the FAA since 1996, Mr. Davis has served in a variety of positions within the AVS organization including the Aircraft Certification Service, Office of Aerospace Medicine and Office of Quality, Integration and Executive Services each providing new opportunities and increased responsibility.

Mr. Davis received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Frostburg State University and a MBA in Administrative Management from Bowie State University. Mr. Davis resides in Bowie Maryland with his wife Anna and son Winston.

Mr. Benito De Leon

*Director of Airport Planning & Programming
Federal Aviation Administration*

Benito (Ben) De Leon was appointed Director of FAA's Office of Airport Planning and Programming (APP) in January 2007. APP serves as the principle FAA organization responsible for all Airports program matters, including developing policy and guidance, as it pertains to National Airport Planning, Environmental and Noise, Airport Improvement Program, Passenger Facility Charge Program, and property transfers.

Ben has worked for the FAA 23 years and has held various positions throughout his career beginning in the Chicago Airports District Office as an Airports Engineer responsible for the southern part

of the State of Illinois. Ben's next stop was in the Great Lakes Region Airports Division. Mr. De Leon held positions as a Community Planner, Capacity Manager and finally as the Manager of the Planning and Programming Branch.

Before coming to the FAA, Ben worked for the State of Wisconsin, Division of Aeronautics as an Assistant Construction Engineer. Ben received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Ms. Agnes P. Dover

*Partner
Hogan & Hartson, LLP*

Agnes Dover is the Director of Hogan & Hartson's government contracts practice, with more than 25 years of experience working with government contractor clients. Her practice is concentrated on regulatory and contractual issues for clients in the energy, information technology, defense and transportation industries, ranging from start-up firms to established defense companies. Ms. Dover counsels clients on government contract compliance, security clearance and audit issues. She has handled the government contracts issues associated with numerous commercial transactions, including industrial security issues that arise during the sale of government contractor entities to foreign owned companies. She has also advised clients on technology transfer from federal agencies, intellectual property rights allocation and liability issues associated with hazardous and nuclear activities.

Agnes joined the Washington, D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson as a partner in January 1997 after serving as the Deputy General Counsel for procurement and technology transfer at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Mr. John P. Higgins, Jr.

*Assistant Director of Audits, Evaluations, and
Inspections*

*The Recovery Accountability and
Transparency Board*

John P. Higgins, Jr. is the Assistant Director of Audits, Evaluations, and Inspections for the

Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board. The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board was created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to coordinate and conduct oversight of the \$787 billion distributed under this law in order to prevent fraud, waste and abuse.

Mr. Higgins served as the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education from November 14, 2002 to July 1, 2008. In this capacity, he was a member of the Comptroller General's Domestic Working Group and the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards. He also served as the Chair of the Audit Committee for the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency. Prior to serving as the Inspector General, he served as the Deputy Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education beginning in January 1996. In 1999, Mr. Higgins was awarded the *Presidential Rank Award* for exemplifying the highest level of integrity, leadership, and exceptional performance. In 2008, Mr. Higgins was awarded the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency *June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award* in recognition of his years of government service marked by extraordinary accomplishments. During his 40 years of federal service, Mr. Higgins served in a number of senior management positions with the U.S. Department of Education and its predecessor, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Mr. Higgins earned a degree in business from Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee. He is a certified Information Systems Auditor and a Certified Government Financial Analyst. He resides in Fairfax Station, Virginia, with his wife, Lucy.

Ms. Lana T. Hurdle

Acting Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/CFO

U.S. Department of Transportation

Lana Hurdle is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs at the United States Department of Transportation. As a senior member of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Program/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) team, Lana manages the Federal performance and budget processes for twelve separate Operating Administrations as well as for the Office of the Secretary. During her service, the Department has been ranked by the Mercatus Institute among the top two Federal agencies for its annual Performance and Accountability Report. In 2006, Lana received the prestigious Senior Executive

Service Presidential Rank Award for her contributions in financial management throughout her Federal service.

Prior to her current assignment, Lana served as the Chief Financial Officer for the United States Peace Corps for three separate Peace Corps Directors. She was the senior financial management official overseeing all financial management services spanning 77 countries world-wide. As the Peace Corps CFO, she received the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program Donald L. Scantlebury Award for exceptional and sustained leadership in improving financial management and internal controls at the Peace Corps following a successful major reorganization of Peace Corps' financial operations. This was one of three awards given among all Federal and State government agencies annually. She also received the Inspector General's Award for promoting economy, effectiveness and efficiency at the Peace Corps.

Lana began her Federal government career at the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President where she served most recently as Budget Examiner for the United States Coast Guard, the Federal Trade Commission, and the National Transportation Safety Board programs.

Lana received her Bachelor's Degree in Government and Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in 1977. Lana and her husband Robert reside in Arlington, Virginia and are the parents of two daughters Kelley and Whitney and two sons Max and Cashew.

Mr. Eugene Juba

Senior Vice President for Finance
Federal Aviation Administration

Eugene D. Juba is a finance professional with 15 years experience in the private sector. Prior to joining the ATO, he was working as an independent consultant and as the CFO for a technology startup in the Washington, DC area. Prior to this assignment, he worked at two major commercial airlines.

In 1999, he joined US Airways as Vice President of Financial Planning and Analysis. There he led a group of finance, operations research and industrial engineering professionals and was responsible for the development of operating budget and providing analytic support of other

departments on key strategic initiatives. His group also led process re-engineering efforts in all parts of the operation.

Prior to going to US Airways, Juba spent 11 years at United Airlines in a number of roles including Director of Financial Analysis, Assistant Treasurer and Corporate Development. The breadth of activities he was involved in included labor negotiations, financing of aircraft and facilities, stakeholder presentations, structuring of the United ESOP and the development of the original business plan for Shuttle by United.

Juba attended the U.S. Naval Academy graduating in 1981 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, he served as a naval officer aboard the nuclear submarine USS Benjamin Franklin. Upon leaving the Navy, he attended the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania earning a Master in Business Administration degree in Finance in 1988.

Juba resides with his wife, Dianne, and two sons, Warren and Collin, in McLean, VA.

Mr. Ramesh K. Punwani
Chief Financial Officer
Federal Aviation Administration

Mr. Punwani was named as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) chief financial officer (CFO) on March 26, 2004. As CFO, Punwani oversees the FAA's \$14 billion operating budget as well as the development and agency-wide application of cost accounting and financial management systems. Punwani joined the agency following his work as senior vice president for global strategy at the Cendant Corp.

Punwani's background in aviation and the travel industry spans over three decades that includes CFO and vice president positions for Pan American World Airways, Tower Air, and Trans World Airlines. Prior to joining Cendant Corp, Punwani was the executive vice president and CFO of Travelocity.com as the innovative internet travel company grew to become a \$3 billion enterprise and the largest public e-travel company. Punwani was also vice president of tour and cruise relations and director of business development for American Express before joining Travelocity.com. From September 1993 to 1996, Punwani was senior vice president and CFO for Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Punwani received a Master of Business Administration degree from New York University in 1978 and a Master of Engineering in management science from Cornell University in 1966. Punwani also holds a Bachelor of Technology degree in industrial engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai, India.

Dr. Michael C. Romanowski
Director, NextGen Integration & Implementation Office
Federal Aviation Administration

Dr. Romanowski is the Director of FAA's NextGen Integration and Implementation office. His office ensures the application, planning, programming and budgeting of FAA's Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) portfolio, and manages its integration and execution across all FAA lines of business. His office is also responsible for FAA's NextGen-related engagement with industry stakeholders.

Before joining the FAA he served as Vice President of Civil Aviation at the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), where he headed all its activities on aviation issues and policy, including the areas of research and development, aviation infrastructure, and safety and security. He also served as the Director of Product Safety, Certification and Airworthiness at Sikorsky Aircraft with responsibilities spanning Sikorsky's entire product line. Before joining Sikorsky, he held a similar role at Pratt & Whitney where his responsibilities spanned all of Pratt & Whitney's large commercial engines. He has broad experience in research, development, validation and fleet operations of jet engines.

Dr. Romanowski received his Ph.D. in Unsteady Aerodynamics and Aeroelasticity from Duke University. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Boston University.

Mr. Barry Scott
Director, Aviation Research & Technology Development Office
Federal Aviation Administration

Barry Scott is the Director of the Research and Technology Development Office in the FAA Air Traffic Organization's Operations Planning Service. He joined the FAA in 1966 as a junior engineer in

the Aircraft Safety Division at the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center in Atlantic City, NJ now known as the William J. Hughes Technical Center.

In 1970, he helped establish the 1st FAA R&D Field Office at NASA Ames Research Center in California and subsequently worked there as a researcher for 20 years and as Director for 16 years. He has authored many technical papers and won numerous awards for his research in such broad areas as crash fire-fighting, wake turbulence, development of airworthiness criteria for SST and Tilt-Rotor aircraft, head-up displays, TCAS, evaluation of ATC procedures for MLS and PRM systems, and the development and implementation of the Center-Tracon Automation System.

Barry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Penn State.

Ms. Alexis Stefani

Senior Associate

Aviation Management Associates, Inc.

Following 35 years of Federal government experience, Ms. Stefani is a consultant providing expertise in Federal transportation programs with special emphasis in aviation; financial management; auditing and quality assurance activities; and training in auditing and financial management.

From 2005 to February 2008, Ms. Stefani served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs at the US Department of Transportation (DOT). She directed the formulation, justification and execution of the DOT's \$60 billion annual budget, the reporting on the Department's program performance systems for its Operating Administrations, and improvements in Departmental financial stewardship processes and activities. In 2007, Ms Stefani was awarded the Presidential Rank Award for outstanding leadership in audit and financial management.

Before joining the Office of the Secretary, Ms. Stefani was DOT's Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluation in the Office of Inspector General (OIG) from 1999 to early 2005. There she directed a nationwide staff in audits and evaluations of the Departmental programs. Those audits and evaluations reviewed financial management, major acquisitions, transportation and information security, aviation, motor carrier, pipeline, and rail safety, major public infrastructure

projects, air traffic operations, and human resource management. The findings and recommendations resulted in significant improvements to the Department's safety and security programs, stronger financial oversight of programs, enhanced contract oversight, and identified potential savings of over \$4.7 billion. Following the events of September 11, 2001, under Ms. Stefani's leadership, groundbreaking reviews were conducted of airport security nationwide. Ms. Stefani received the Secretary's Award for Exceptional Public Service in 2004 for model leadership in her work at the OIG.

Ms. Stefani spent over 20 years with the Transportation's OIG after serving at the GAO and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Stefani has a Bachelors of Science from the Pennsylvania State University in accounting and an MBA in management from the University of Maryland. She is a certified government financial manager.

Mr. Rob Tucker

Director of Capital Expenditures

Federal Aviation Administration

Joseph R. "Rob" Tucker manages and directs the day to day operations of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization's Finance Service's Capital Expenditures Division. His division is responsible for the programming, formulation, presentation and execution of the FAA's F&E and R,E&D budgets. Personnel of his division also review, monitor and evaluate all F&E and R,E&D funded programs and provide analysis and recommendations relating to their financial management and funding.

A member of the FAA since 1970, Mr. Tucker has served in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility. As a result of his exceptional performance and contributions to the FAA he was appointed a member of the Senior Executive Service in October 1990.