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Mr. David Wartofsky
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Dear Mr. Wartofsky:

Thank you for your letter of April 15. In the letter, you asked that Ground Based Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) detectors be eligible for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds.


Your letter stated that you were able to include ELT detectors in the SuperAWOS that your company makes. The Federal Aviation Administration has certified the Super AWOS as both an AWOS A and an AWOS A-V. Only FAA-certified AWOS options are considered eligible. However, the FAA has not certified ELT detectors for an AWOS. Therefore, the ELT detectors are not AIP eligible.

An airport sponsor may include ELT detectors on AIP-funded AWOS, but must pay the added cost of the detectors with local or airport revenue.

You also copied your letter to Oscar Alvarez, Director of the FAA's Air Traffic Control Spectrum Engineering Services. Mr. Alvarez will contact you directly to talk to you about the ELT detectors.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

 D. Kirk Shaffer
Associate Administrator
for Airports