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Mr. David Wartofsky
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Dear Mr. Wartofsky:

David -

Thank you for your letter of November 22 on Automated Weather Observing Systems (AWOS). You are correct that the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) legislation includes in its definition of eligible airport development "...equipment...for aviation-related weather-reporting...". This definition does not limit weather-reporting systems to AWOS. It allows any approved or Federal Aviation Administration certified weather reporting equipment used under AIP.

The AIP handbook clearly states "An airport may be eligible for any or all AWOS types in production, although the costs and benefits differ for each system." Unfortunately, the FAA does not have an equipment classification for your system, that is, one that may exceed the minimum standards or specifications of a traditional AWOS. However, I am pleased to confirm that the Superunicom, a.k.a. SuperAWOS, has been certified for use by the FAA and is eligible for funding from AIP.

Sincerely,

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Catherine M. Lang
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for Airports