

ATCA Statement on Proposed \$15 Billion National Airspace System Modernization Investment

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ALEXANDRIA, Va – ATCA, also known as the Air Traffic Control Association, strongly supports the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's proposed \$15 billion investment in critical air traffic control modernization, infrastructure improvements, and workforce development as part of the upcoming reconciliation bill.

This landmark funding represents a crucial down payment on America's air transportation future and addresses many of the most pressing needs identified by our industry partners. For decades, our members have advocated for meaningful investment in ATC infrastructure to ensure the continued safety, efficiency, and global competitiveness of our National Airspace System (NAS).

In our March 4th, 2025 testimony submitted to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Aviation, ATCA emphasized that continual and rapid modernization of the U.S. air traffic control infrastructure must provide state-of-the-art tools for the U.S. ATC system and safely meet the growing demand for air travel, which is increasing at a compounded 6% per year.

As the association representing the U.S. industrial base that designs, develops, and maintains the world's largest and most complex air traffic management system, ATCA and our member companies stand ready to support this important initiative. We recognize that this \$15 billion proposal is a necessary down payment on the future of our airspace system, and we welcome the opportunity to work with the Committee in defining additional investments needed to fully modernize our nation's aviation infrastructure while preserving our exemplary safety record.

U.S. industry is uniquely qualified to help bring best-in-class U.S. air traffic management technology and services to support the rapid modernization of ATC infrastructure, especially given that these same U.S. providers have deployed modern ATM systems and technology abroad to foreign ANSPs.

ATCA members stand ready to work with the Administration, Congress, DOT, and the FAA to accelerate the deployment of proven ATM systems and technologies that will ensure our National Airspace System remains the safest and most efficient in the world. ATCA is eager to help shape that future vision. Our members possess the expertise and capabilities needed to transform these investments into tangible improvements that benefit the traveling public, strengthen our aviation infrastructure, ensure continued safe operations, and create high-quality American jobs.