

PASS Article 13 / SME Program Report

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Program Name: Remote Tower

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Current Program Status: The Colorado Remote Tower initiative is in the formative stages.

In Leesburg, sponsor VSATS and vendor Saab initiated a Winter Data Collection session on February 18, 2016. The air traffic controllers participating in the sessions will evaluate the system through surveys. A Safety Risk Management Panel (SRMP) is under development.

Issues Affecting PASS: If type-accepted for use in the NAS, the Remote Tower will be a non-fed facility maintained by the vendor, and would require only annual inspections through the normal non-fed inspection process. As the initiative continues to evolve, other PASS BUE's could be involved in implementation and maintenance of support systems for the remote tower.

Program Issues: Air Traffic has identified difficulty in spatial relationship on the Remote Tower displays. The vendor has proposed several solutions, at least one of which involves an FAA radar display at the remote tower.

Identify Support Needs: None at this time.

Other:

Documentation Attached:

FAA Status Report on Remote Towers – Update 20 2-01-2016 thru 2-29-2016 FINAL.pdf