



Aviation Group Client Update

Date: August 28, 2012

Contact: Lisa A. Harig, Partner
Washington DC Office
lhari@mklawdc.com
+1 703 247 5487

FAA DETAILS PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING AIR TRAFFIC DATA FROM GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Today, the FAA specified how and where an airman may request its assistance in seeking air traffic data from government contractors. Pursuant to the [Pilot's Bill of Rights \(PBR\)](#) enacted earlier this month, air traffic data should be made accessible to airman subject to FAA investigation when such data will facilitate the individual's ability to participate in a proceeding related to an FAA investigation. This includes air traffic data in possession of government contractors providing operational services to the FAA.

In the near future, FAA will include a PBR hyperlink on its Internet Web page. Individuals subject to investigation may access the hyperlink to find out information the FAA needs to process requests for air traffic data. The FAA Web site will also include an email address where the airman can send requests for contractor air traffic data.

For an individual's request to be meaningful, FAA recommends requests be expeditiously received at a centralized location by FAA personnel who are trained to process requests. In addition requests must be submitted to the government contractor before its disposal in the normal course of business. FAA personnel will check for submissions made to AirmanDataRequest@faa.gov, and forward such requests to appropriate government contractors.

When making requests, individuals must: 1) describe the facility at which such information is located; and 2) identify the date on which the information was generated. It is important for individuals to provide as much detail as possible regarding the air traffic data. Such detail may include time of aircraft operation, the heading of the aircraft, and altitude.

If you have any questions regarding the PBR or would like assistance in submitting a request for air traffic data, please contact our office.

* * * * *

McBreen & Kopko's Aviation Group represents air carriers, fixed base operators (FBOs), airport managers, aviation service providers, and business aircraft owners and operators on a wide range of aviation issues including regulatory matters, commercial transactions, aircraft finance matters, and bankruptcy and creditors' rights.