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Mr. Mitch Swecker  
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Dear Mr. Swecker:

Thank you for your interest in the Federal Contract Tower (FCT) Program. The FCT Program has long been recognized as a successful Government/Industry partnership that provides cost effective air traffic control services at low activity airports.

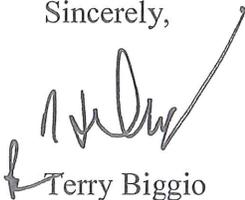
The Federal Aviation Administration experienced budget sequestration during Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and anticipates additional budget reductions in FY14. The FAA is making preparations to address continuing budgetary cutbacks for FY14.

As of today, funding has not been identified for new start operations under the FCT Program. The non-Federal Contract Tower Program continues to be an available option to provide air traffic control services at the airport's expense. Additional information regarding the non-Federal Contract Tower Program is contained in Advisory Circular Number AC 90-93A, *Operating Procedures for Airport Traffic Control Towers (ATCT) that are not Operated by, or Under Contract with, the United States (Non-Federal)*.

The FAA appreciates your interest in the FCT Program and looks forward to your continued interest and support.

If you have additional questions or need further information, please contact Thomas Skiles, Manager, Terminal Strategic Planning and Performance, at (202) 385-8545.

Sincerely,



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