ORDER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
SOUTHERN REGION

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SUBJ: IMPLEMENTATION OF SITE PROGRAM BULLETINS

1. PURPOSE. This order establishes requirements and criteria for the implementation of Site Program Bulletins (SPB) for the ARTS II and ARTS III systems in the Southern Region.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to the branch level in the regional Air Traffic Division and all ARTS II/ARTS III facilities and Hubs.

3. BACKGROUND. With the ever-increasing complexity and volume of traffic in the air traffic control system, the FAA Technical Center (FAATC) is under an ever-increasing workload. They are working on the present system, the next system, future systems and the interim support plans. They are no longer able to provide long-term support for previous systems. This requires that all facilities must implement new program versions and patch levels in a timely and expeditious manner.

4. PROCEDURES. The Facility Manager shall ensure that the automation personnel in ARTS II and ARTS III facilities:

a. Implement within 30 days of delivery all Patch Level Change SPB's unless an implementation date is specified in the SPB.

b. Implement within 90 days of delivery all Version Level Change SPB's unless an implementation date is specified in the SPB.

c. Coordinate with Training and Procedures personnel for any changes required as a result of the implementation of an SPB.

d. Review the changes with special emphasis on assuring compatibility with local patches.

e. Generate a test plan, if not included in the SPB, describing tests to be performed prior to operational use.

f. Carry out tests to assure proper operation and fully document test activity.

g. Within 10 days of implementation provide an Implementation Report to ASO-513. This report shall include the facility name, SPB number, program version, patch level and the implementation date of the SPB.

h. In the event that timely implementation is not possible, submit a request for an extension to ASO-513.

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ASO-513 shall to the extent possible:

a. In the event of a staffing shortage at a facility, provide temporary assistance from another facility.

b. In the event of a lack of experienced automation personnel at a facility, provide technical expertise and assistance.

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