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FAA Commissions Newest Weather Station

Bedford, Massachusetts, 7:00 AM: The FAA's newest weather station SAWS (Stand Alone Weather Sensors) was commissioned! This is the last step prior to fielding all 285 sites. Coastal was awarded the SAWS contract (approximately \$9,000,000 USD) in January of 2000, to build the 285 weather stations, which will be installed at all United States Level C airspace airports. The stations measure wind speed, direction and gust, relative humidity, air temperature and pressure. Dew point and altimeter setting are calculated, and then all data is displayed on a 10.4 inch flat panel display.

An e-mail sent to Coastal Environmental Systems from Matoka Forbes, FAA SAWS program manger and COTR proclaimed, "Because of you and your expertise in the weather business, this major accomplishment has become a reality. We are in the process of completing the installation and commissioning at Lexington, KY. The FAA is currently doing site prep in each of the nine regions. This year the FAA is planning to get 36 - 45 systems installed/commissioned."

Coastal, with a great deal of support from Ms. Forbes, built and delivered all 285 stations in record time.