

# FAA Update for the Mississippi Airports Association

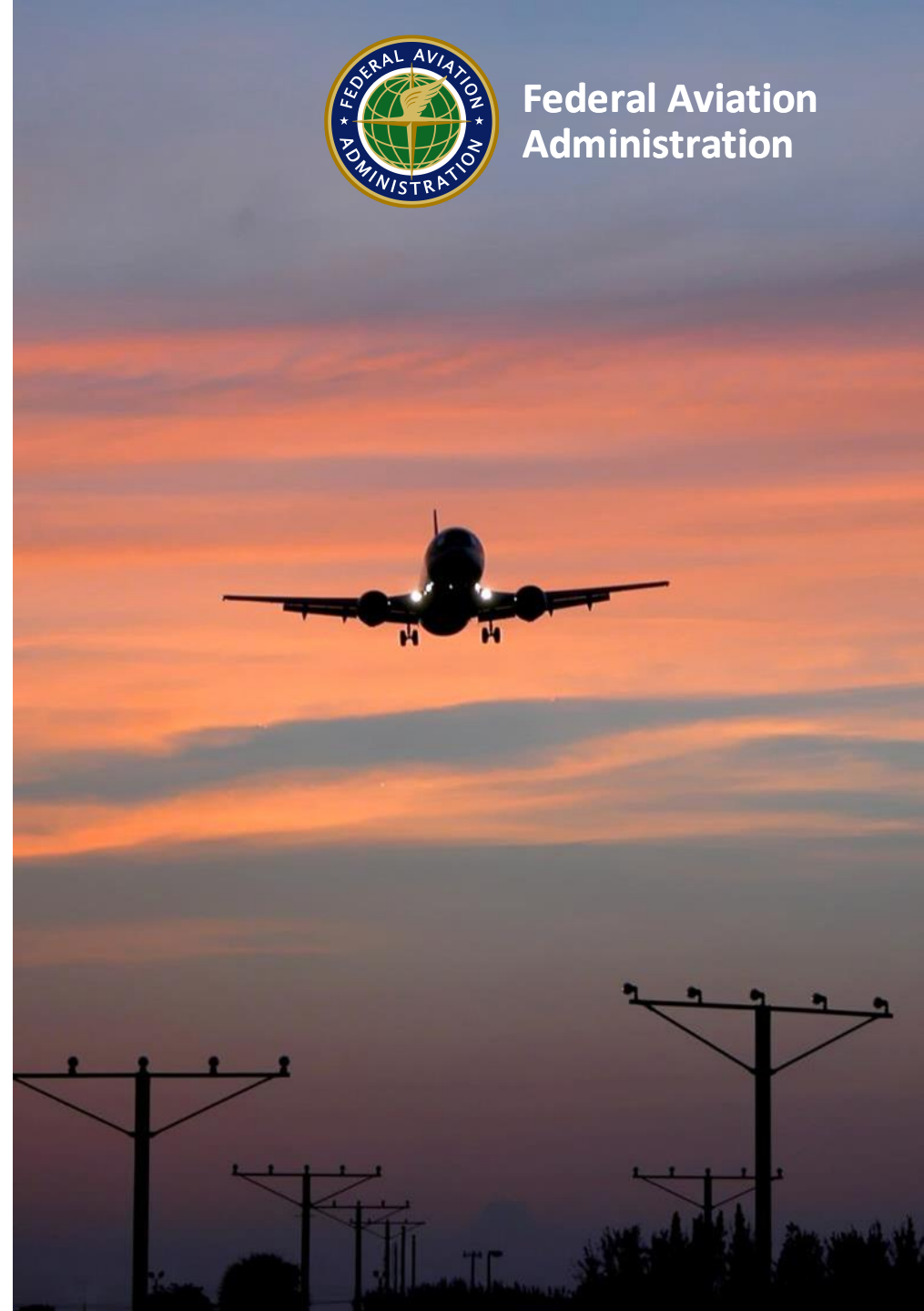
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# Review of FY26 in Mississippi

- 101 Grants issued within Mississippi for a total of \$83,208,479.
- 45 AIP Grants for a total of \$42,197,891.
- 4 Supplemental Discretionary Grants for a total of \$5,506,343.
- 47 IIJA AIG Grants for a total of \$27,819,245.
- 4 IIJA ATP Grants for a total of \$7,500,000.
- 1 IIJA FCT Grants for a total of \$185,000.

# Mississippi Program Managers for FY27

- Karayan Cole— Program Manager for Coastal Mississippi
- Cole Farris – Program Manager for East Central Mississippi
- Stacy Holton – Program Manager for Mid-South Mississippi
- Tim Manyfield – Program Manager for Northern Mississippi
- Chris Stewart – Program Manager for West Central Mississippi
- Kevin Morgan – Lead Engineer

# Planning and Environmental Staff for FY27

- Willie Davidson – Planner for Mississippi
- Eric Tomasovic – Environmental Specialist



# FY27 is Starting Now

- FY27 Pre-Applications due **October 12, 2026**, per email of August 13.
- Include your plan for both AIP and IIJA/AIG funds in your pre-application.
- No new AIG or ATP funds in FY27.
- Plan for the same amount of AIP entitlement as prior year.
- Discretionary is very competitive. Even projects we have been working on for a few years may not get discretionary in FY27.

# Overview of Airports Grant Programs

- Current authorization for Grants Program in the FAA (including key programs, authorities, and obligations) goes through FY 2028.
- FY2027 funding expected to remain the same for AIP, however, we won't know for sure until we get an appropriation.
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) programs entitlement and terminal funds **ended** in 2026. Remaining IIJA entitlement is available for three years after the year the funds became available. 2022 and 2023 IIJA AIG funds have expired.

# Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

- Pre-applications due on **October 12, 2026.**
- **Entitlement-only grants due (based on bids) by May 15, 2027.**
- **NO LATE entitlement-only grants in 2027.**
- Discretionary grants due (based on bids) by June 30, 2027.
- **Federal share reverts to 90% with a 10% local match for FY27.**

# AIP Environmental

- The environmental process for most grants is a simple written record handled by ADO staff.
- For projects requiring more than a simple written record, early coordination with the ADO environmental specialist is vital.
- Environmental processing for FY27 grants must be complete by January 31, 2027.

# AIP Program General items

- Make sure you send us any updates to Airport Management, Mayor, County Board President, Attorney. We must have current contact emails to be able to send out grant offers for electronic signature.
- Close Grants promptly. Grants have a four year period of performance. After that, you have 90 days to get all closeout documents to FAA.
- Best practice is to start out the project knowing what documentation is needed for closeout and keep a running ledger of invoices that will become your Statement and Distribution of Costs when the project is complete.

# AIP Handbook Update

## Congressional Mandate



*“The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 – Sec. 733 mandates that the FAA update the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Handbook (Order 5100.38) to account for legislative changes”*

Due Dates:    Draft by May 16, 2026    ☒    Final by May 2027    ☐

# What is the Project Scope?

## Current vs New Format

*About a 50%  
Reduction*

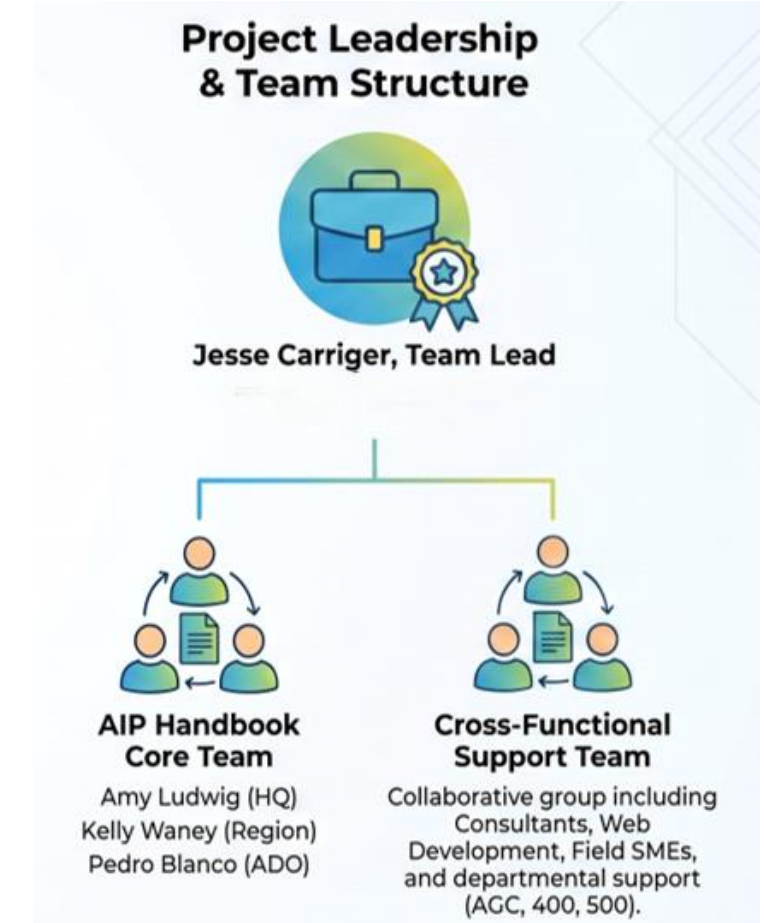


- Content Consolidation into a Specific Chapter or Appendix
- Field Flexibility by Delegating Responsibility

| Order 5100.38D (Current)                                                 | DRAFT Order 5100.38E (Update)                                                    |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 Chapters</li></ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 Chapters</li></ul>                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 23 Appendices</li></ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 Appendices</li></ul>                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 Other Sections</li></ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Websites &amp; Other Resources</li></ul> |
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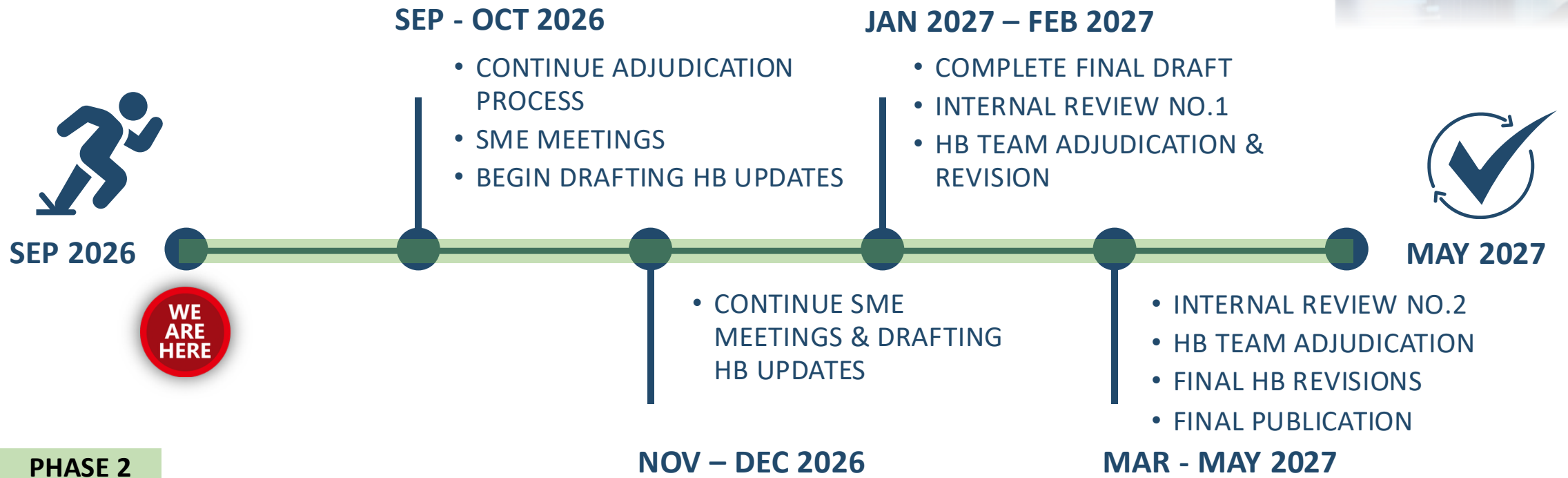
# FAA AIP Handbook Goals & Team

## Phase 1



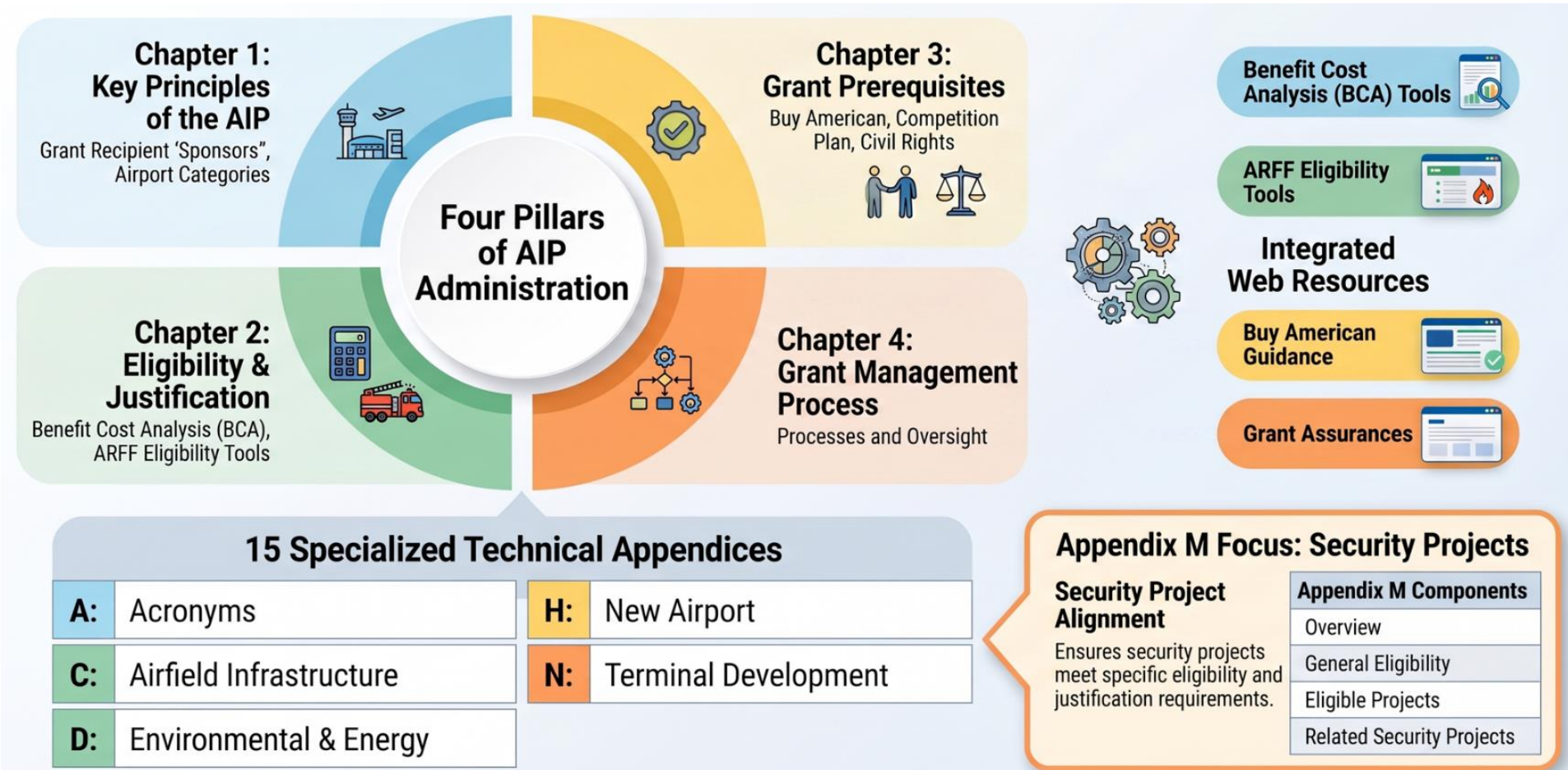
# When - Project Timeline?

## Phase 2



# What are the Results?

## Navigating the AIP Handbook – Structure & Resources



# References

## **Text of FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024**

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3935/text>

## **Updated Title 49, United States Code**

<https://uscode.house.gov/>

## **Draft AIP Handbook**

[Draft AIP Handbook, Order 5100.38E | Federal Aviation Administration](#)

# Questions?

