In-Situ Turbulence Algorithm (ITA)

PROGRAM.PROJECT: Aviation Weather Research Program/Turbulence Product Development Team [http://www.faa.gov/aua/awr/]
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SERVICE AREA(S)/INITIATIVE(S)

- ***National Aviation Weather Initiatives:***
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FUNDING

- ***Programmed/Planned ($'s/FY):*** $195K /FY03 /FY04

TYPE OF PROGRAM/APPLICATION

R&D/Product Development

SCOPE OF PROGRAM/PROJECT

- ***What's being developed, procured, etc.:*** *a software package to enable commercial aircraft to automatically measure (quantitatively) turbulence and downlink the information in real time.*
- ***How operations will be changed/improved:*** *improved accuracy of turbulence observations will improve the forecasting of turbulence and help reduce injuries associated with turbulence encounters.*

PROGRAM/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- ***Basic guidance document for this program:*** FAA Turbulence Product Development Team Technical Direction
- ***Program/Project verification process:*** Monthly and quarterly reporting, semi-annual program reviews, science panel reviews, RE&D advisory committee project assessments, use of test beds for demonstrations and evaluations
- ***Method used for end product validation:*** Algorithm tuning, flight simulator testing, flight testing
- ***Operational training for the user:*** Hands on training is provided for Aviation Weather Center forecasters

SCHEDULE/IMPLEMENTATION

- ***Next major program milestone:*** FY04- Implement on 70+ 737 aircraft
- ***Program becomes operational:*** FY05
- ***Plans for further improvements:*** N/A