

Distance Learning Aviation Course (DLAC)

PROGRAM/PROJECT: NWS Aviation Initiative

LEAD AGENCY/COLLABORATING AGENCIES: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/Cooperative Program for Operational Meteorology, Education, and Training (COMET)

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SERVICE AREA(S)/INITIATIVE (S)

- *National Aviation Weather Initiatives:*

FUNDING

- *Programmed/Planned (\$'s/FY):* /FY04 /FY05

TYPE OF PROGRAM/APPLICATION

Training

SCOPE OF PROGRAM/PROJECT

- *What's being developed, procured, etc:* training courses for aviation forecasters on various aviation weather hazards. The first two courses deal with low-cloud and fog forecasting and convective forecasting.
- *How will operations be changed/improved:* improved aviation weather forecasts will lead to safer and more efficient aircraft operations.

PROGRAM/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- *Basic guidance document for this program:* DLAC Project Plan.
- *Program/Project verification process:* Monthly update reports as part of the COMET update.
- *Method used for product validation:* Forecast verification scores.
- *Operational training for the user:* N/A

SCHEDULE/IMPLEMENTATION

- *Next major program milestone:* N/A
- *Program becomes operational:* Low-cloud and fog forecasting course is operational. Convective forecasting course will be operational in FY05.
- *Plans for further improvements:* Other training courses to be developed.