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Dear Mr. DeVany: **OSI 1997-2694-25**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Aeronautics Division, working in coordination with the communities of Kingman, Page, Prescott, and Show Low, is currently preparing a proposal under the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program (SCASDPP). This consortium of the four (4) communities and ADOT will be proposing some novel ideas which include the State serving as the sponsor and contractor for a single carrier to serve these four communities. In this capacity, the State would solicit, select, monitor, and pay the single carrier for its services with funds from the EAS and SCASDPP programs. It is my understanding that three of our four Essential Air Service (EAS) communities currently have expired contracts.

ADOT, on behalf of these communities, is requesting that DOT delay issuance of any new contracts for these four communities until a final decision is made regarding the consortium's SCASDPP proposal. If the consortium is successful in the award of a SCASDPP grant for its proposal, a solicitation will be made in coordination with DOT officials for a carrier to serve the four communities.

We look forward to a positive consideration from the DOT regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Gary Adams
Director

Cc: City of Kingman
City of Page
City of Prescott
City of Show Low

