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## Program for Applied Research in Airport Security PARAS

### 0020 Project Summary

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<b>Project Title:</b>	Strategies for Effective Airport Identification Media Accountability and Control		
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## BACKGROUND

Accountability and control of airport-issued identification (ID) media is a critical component of overall airport security. The patchwork of regulatory requirements, including security directives and security program amendments, creates a complex system. As such, many airports develop and employ various procedures to address regulatory requirements and operational challenges. Examples of these challenges include:

- Individual ID media holders and Authorized Signatories failure to uphold their roles and responsibilities, including failure to deactivate and return ID media
- Trusted Agent errors or deviation from established procedures
- Inaccurate information provided during audits

Airports could benefit from a consolidated source of processes and procedures that may be applied at individual airports, as needed.

## OBJECTIVE

The objective of this research is to assist airports of all sizes in enhancing controls and accountability of airport issued ID media. At a minimum, the document should include:

- Security controls during the issuance and renewal of ID media
- Methods for conducting ID media audits
- Procedures to mitigate lost, stolen, not returned, and unaccounted-for ID media
- Strategies to enhance ID media retrieval
- Trusted Agent Quality Assurance/Quality Control processes