



National Safe Skies Alliance

Program for Applied Research in Airport Security

Project Statement

PARAS 0061 Ensuring Security Operational Readiness for New and Renovated Facilities

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| <p>Funds: Up to \$200,000 Contract Time: 12 Months Staff Responsibility: Jessica Grizzle Fiscal Year: 2024</p> |
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The Project Statement below has been selected by the Safe Skies Oversight Committee and will be the starting point for a panel of experts to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP is expected to be available in early 2024.

Many airports are undergoing new construction and major renovations to their terminals and other facilities. Ensuring operational readiness of these facilities is essential to a successful opening. From a security perspective, there are many elements required to achieve operational readiness. Examples include receiving relevant TSA approvals, completing stakeholder/employee training on security rules and procedures, and ensuring all security systems are functioning correctly and their operating procedures are documented. To ensure proper planning and reduce pitfalls, guidance is needed to help airport security management understand the challenges and operational security considerations associated with opening new and renovated facilities.

The objective of the research is to create guidance to assist airports in ensuring security operational readiness of new and renovated facilities. The guidance should include an overview of challenges and planning considerations for the people, processes, and technology required for effective security operations upon facility opening.