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October Bidding Alert: 7ER, 73N, A320, M88, 717, and DC9 bidding has been delayed until 1800E today, Friday Sept. 6. If you have saved or submitted a bid based on any pairings data in PBS you must review your bids or start a new set of bids as *there is a high probability that some of the pairings have changed*. The correct pairings will be available for review and bidding once the bid window opens but nothing found in the system prior to that time should be considered accurate.

The bid window will close at 1800E on Friday Sept 13th. The timing of all other scheduling events remains unchanged; please reference the table in Section 23 B. 1.

Passport Renewal: If in renewing a passport or visa you cannot meet CIBTs instructions as listed on the Flight Operations page of the DeltaNet, contact your Chief Pilot's Office. The Regional Director/Regional Operations Manager should work with the pilot to create a plan and timeline to complete the passport or visa process.

Critical ASAP Issue: Recently, a pilot's ASAP report - filed only after hearing about an FAA deviation - was excluded by the Event Review Committee for lack of timeliness. The other crewmember, who filed immediately, received ASAP protections. Any event which is Non-Sole Source (NSS) to the FAA and may involve a pilot deviation must be reported via ASAP within 24 hours from the end of flight day for domestic, 48 hours for international, and all pilots must file separately. If the timeliness cutoff is for some reason missed, file an ASAP anyway and consider submitting a NASA/ASRS report as an "emergency backup." If the event turns out not to be NSS, it will remain in the program.

The Threat From... Norway? <u>Reuters:</u> Budget airline Norwegian Air Shuttle (NAS) plans to set up *bases* in NYC and FLL, and to add international service to LAX, SFO, and MCO on top of flights to FLL and NYC.

<u>The Economist:</u> NAS placed Europe's biggest aircraft order last year when it bought 222 planes from Boeing and Airbus.

NAS is a Norwegian company, under Irish registry, with a Thai human resources office and staffing laws.

The wave of the future? Join the fight: <u>ALPA-PAC</u>.

All-ALPA Government Affairs Meeting - LAX: Hosted by the Delta MEC - Thursday, September 26, Ayres Hotel Manhattan Beach; Hawthorne, CA. Speakers: ALPA President Captain Lee Moak and Michael Robbins, ALPA's Director of Government Affairs.

Topics: The state of our profession and regulatory challenges. Engage now, together, or risk being the last generation of U.S. based airline pilots. Food and beverages provided.

For more info and to RSVP, CLICK HERE.

Scam Alert: There have been reports of crews on layover receiving calls at their hotel from someone saying they are front desk personnel and need your credit card info. These calls are typically occurring in middle of night and sound urgent. Delta layover hotels will *not* do this. If you receive such a call, hang up and report the call to the front desk.

Congress Returns to "Work": All Delta pilots are asked to contact their congressional delegation concerning the four current grassroots <u>Call-to-Action</u> issues: The Safe Skies Act of 2013; Stop the Creation of a New CBP Preclearance Site in Abu Dhabi; H.R. 1775 - the Saracini Aviation Safety Act of 2013; and to oppose elimination of funding for the FFDO program.

Pilot partisan support for these issues is critical and only takes a few minutes.

AirWatch Update/Feedback: On August 22, a significant update to the AirWatch Secure Content Locker was released: v1.7.915. All pilots who subscribe to AirWatch should install this update. Submit pilot feedback on AirWatch/Content Locker via Flight Crew Report (FCR) or if you prefer to submit feedback to ALPA directly, e-mail DALPATech@alpa.org.

Delta Health Rewards Credit Deadline: September 30 is the deadline to receive Delta Health Rewards Program credits. See the "My Self Service" page on DeltaNet. If you are an active pilot on 3/31/2013 and/or 9/30/2013, you will automatically receive Delta Health Rewards points for an annual physical exam.

Inactive pilots and spouses: Take a Provider Notification Form to your annual physical exam and ask the provider to complete and return the form (available on the Benefit Forms page, Employee Connection, DeltaNet).

**Upcoming PUBs -** Come and socialize with negotiators, reps, committee chairs, and ALPA officers. Find out what's going on; ask your questions. Food and drinks provided.

- Training PUB: September 11 @ 6:30pm; Holiday Inn and Suites Atlanta Airport
- Council 1: September 18 @ 6:30pm; Granite City Brewery; Eagan, MN RSVP for this PUB HERE
- Council 16: September 25 @ 7pm; 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron; San Diego, CA RSVP for this PUB HERE
- Council 20: September 19 @ 6:30pm; Dominick's; Ann Arbor, MI RSVP for this PUB HERE

## **Upcoming Council Meetings:**

Council 81, Monday, September 9, 10am-2pm, SLC International Airport, Jazz Room Council 48, Friday, September 20, 1:30pm-3pm, ALPA Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, <u>Hartsfield Center</u> Council 54, Wednesday, September 25, 11am-1pm, The Conference Center at SeaTac Council 108, Friday, October 4, 2:30pm, Hofbrauhaus Newport, Newport KY

## Connect with Your Union:









The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times. Call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for PAN.

During non-business hours, press "7" at the main menu to transfer to PAN.