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Mr Carl E. Burleson began serving as Acting FAA Deputy Administrator as of 7 January, 2018. In this new role, he is the second highest-ranking official at the agency and is responsible for ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the largest aerospace system in the world, a system that operates more than 50,000 flights per day. He is also responsible for regulating the safety of equipment and operators of the U.S. aviation industry.

Prior to this assignment, Burleson had been the FAA's Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy, International Affairs, and Environment since 2011. In this role, he led the agency's efforts to increase the safety and capacity of the global aerospace system in an environmentally sound manner. This includes leading the FAA's strategic policy and planning efforts; coordinating the agency's reauthorization before Congress; overseeing the national and international aviation policies, strategies, and research efforts in the environment and energy arenas; managing the FAA's aviation activity forecasts, economic analyses, and regulatory evaluations; and, dealing with the aviation war risk insurance program.

Mr. Burleson has held the following FAA positions: Director of Environment and Energy (2001-2011); Chief of Staff for FAA Administrator (1999-2001); FAA Senior Representative for Northern Europe/United Kingdom of International Aviation in London, England (1994-1999); Manager of International Operations Branch, International Aviation (1992-1994); International Aviation Specialist of International Aviation (1990-1991); and Regulatory Economist/Loan Guarantee Specialist, Office of Policy and Plans (1989-1990).

Mr. Burleson holds a Master of Arts in Economics from University of Boston, Master of Arts in International Development from American University, and Bachelor of Arts in Government and Communications from University of Virginia. He was a finalist in the Public Service to America Awards in 2010 for his efforts in dealing with aviation environmental challenges. He is recipient of the Office of Secretary's International Aviation and Safety Award.