Graphical Forecast for Aviation (GFA)

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G-AIRMET Status

→ **October 1, 2008**
- → **AWC began making the G-AIRMET available *Experimentally***
- → **G-AIRMET/text AIRMET production combined**
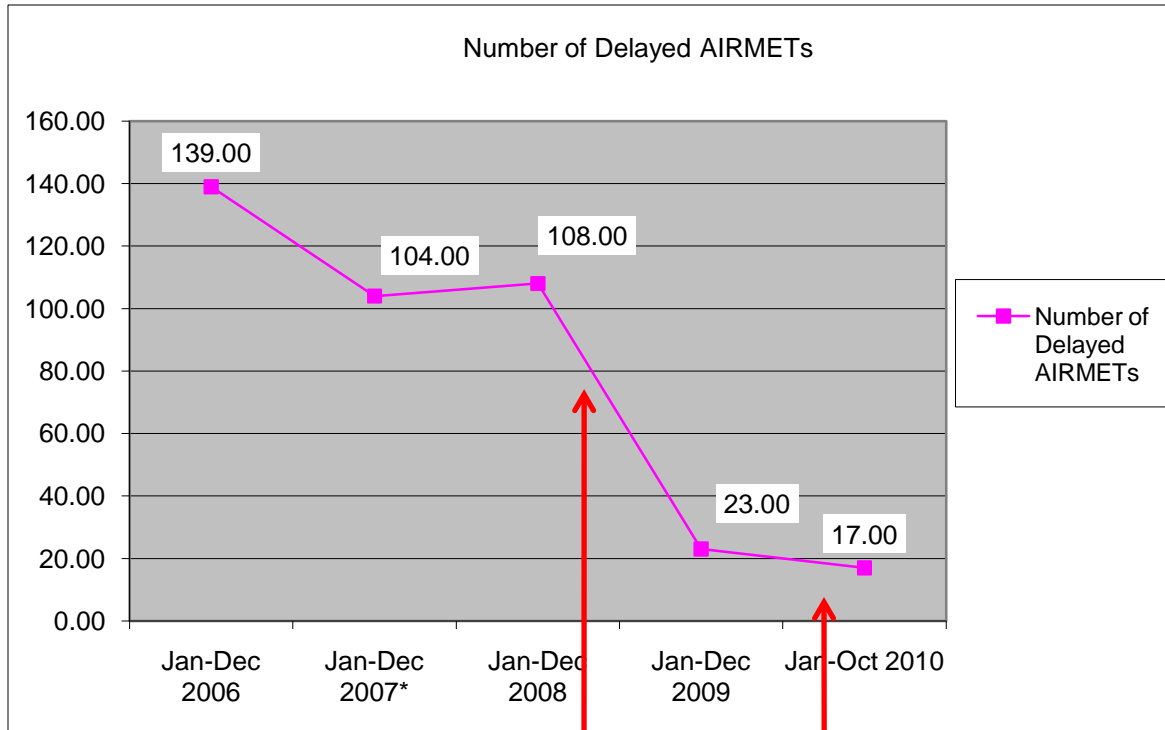- → **Text AIRMET still the only primary product**

→ **December 08, 2009**
- → **SRMD Signed**

→ **March 16, 2010**
- → **AWC Operationally producing G-AIRMETs as Primary Product**
- → **G-AIRMET & Text AIRMET production Synchronized**

G-AIRMET

→ **The text AIRMET is a bi-product of the G-AIRMET production process**

   → **AIRMET and G-AIRMET fully consistent**

   → **The G-AIRMET contains more time and space precision**

      → G-AIRMET valid 3 hour snapshots out to 12 hours

      → Text AIRMET valid for a period of up to 6 hours

         → 6h time "smear"

      → G-AIRMET integrates into user systems

      → Text AIRMET limited by number of characters and uses VORs to describe extent of hazard over a period of time.
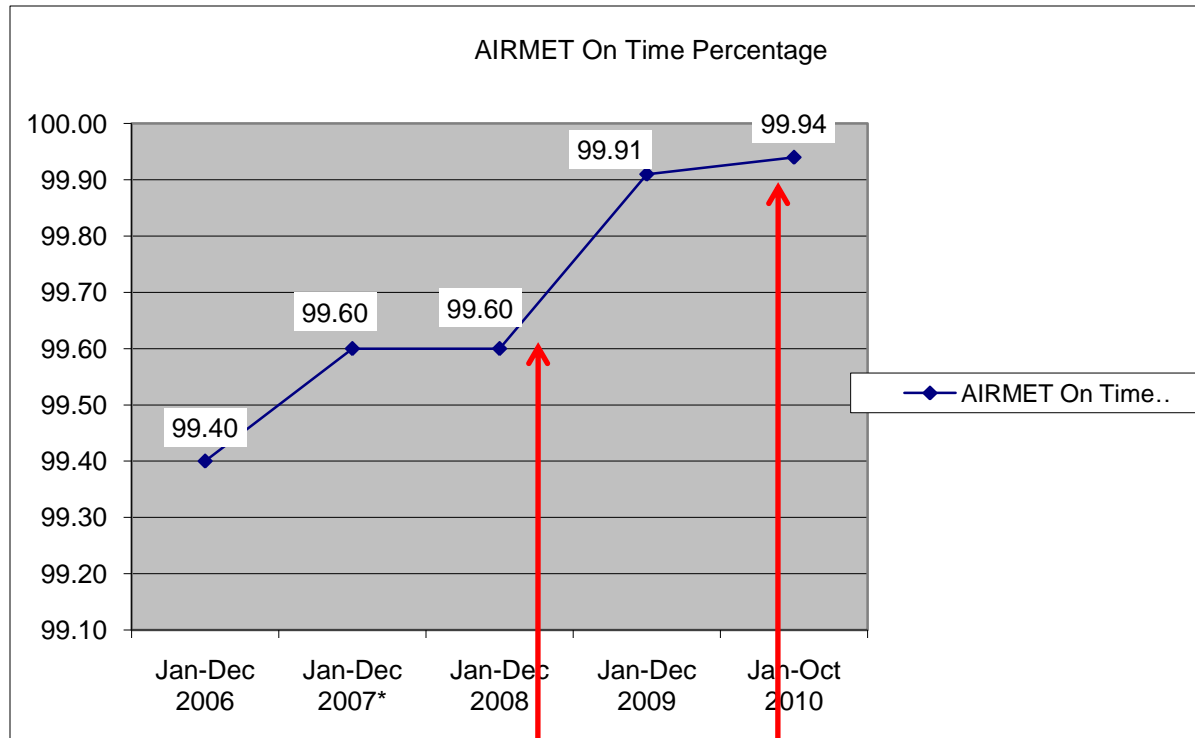
G-AIRMET

Number of Delayed AIRMETs

* Data missing 11/6-12/18

G-AIRMET production process implemented

G-AIRMET fully operational and Primary

→ **G-AIRMET implementation has led to significant reliability improvements**

→ **Decreased delayed transmissions**

G-AIRMET

AIRMET On Time Percentage

- **G-AIRMET implementation has led to significant reliability improvements**
- **Increased On Time Percentage**

Chart data points:
- Jan-Dec 2006: 99.40
- Jan-Dec 2007*: 99.60
- Jan-Dec 2008: 99.60
- Jan-Dec 2009: 99.91
- Jan-Oct 2010: 99.94

G-AIRMET production process implemented

G-AIRMET fully operational and Primary

Summary

➤ **G-AIRMET Operationally Produced As A Primary Weather Product**

➤ **Fully Consistent With Text AIRMET**

Qualified Internet Communications Provider

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CAWS TAKES OFF

QICP Certification February 2010

→ **Applies to AviationWeather.gov and Aviation Digital Data Service (@dds)**

QICP Users

➔ **Approximately registered 1000 users since February 2010**

➔ **All new applications have a login and are QICP certified as they come on line**

   ➔ **WAFS Internet File System**

   ➔ **Space Weather Prediction Center**

   ➔ **WebIFFDP**

   ➔ **CWSU/AAWU**

➔ **Currently AWC maintains all access**

QICP Summary

QICP Certification → Better for Aviation

- No single outage longer than 10 minutes
- Three month cumulative outages not to exceed 30 minutes
- Security - SSL maintains data integrity
- 2-minute transaction time accessibility
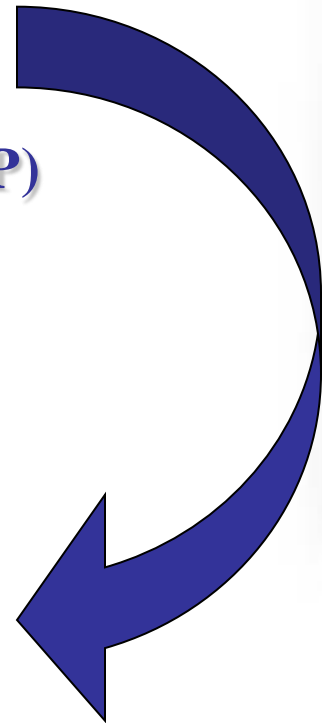→ Provide proof (via log file) QICP user had access

How Is QICP Achieved?

Consolidated Aviation Web Services (CAWS)

➢ **AviationWeather.gov**
➢ **Aviation Digital Data Services (ADDS)**
➢ **International Flight Folder Document Program (IFFDP)**
➢**WAFS Internet File Service (WIFS)**

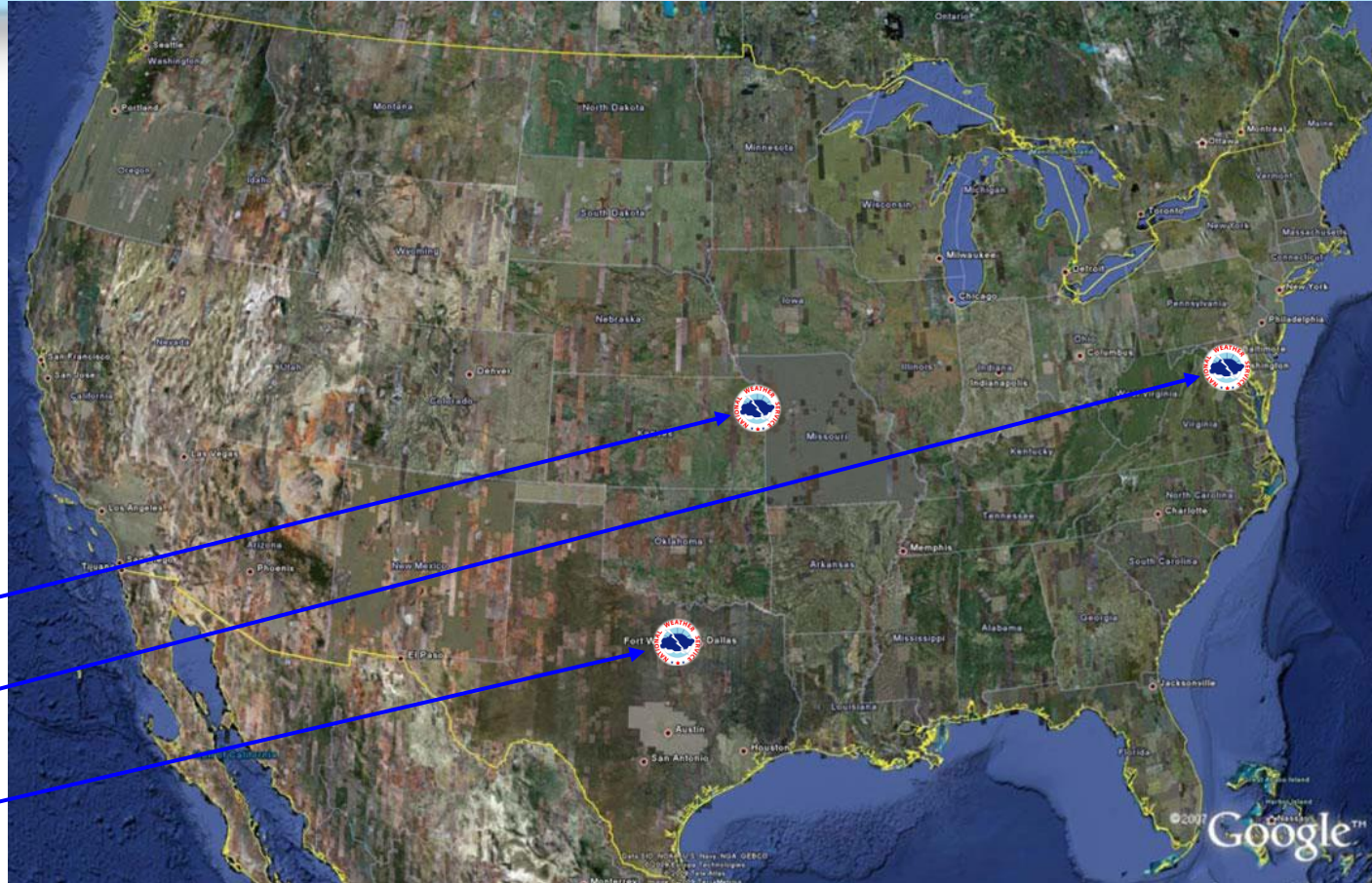## NWS Consolidated Internet Farms (NWS CIF)

Integration to achieve QICP reliability standards

NWS CIF

→ Three Locations
→ Globally Load Balanced

→ CRH
→ HQ
→ SRH

Kansas City, DC, Fort Worth

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Three Locations CAWS

✈ **Installing CAWS at 3 locations**

  ✈ Improves redundancy

  ✈ Uses less equipment (than duplicating current configuration)

  ✈ Lowers operating costs by sharing facilities

  ✈ Leverages IT functions

QICP Summary

→ **Aviation Weather Center Web Services Earned "Qualified Internet Communications Provider" status February 2010.**

    → **AviationWeather.gov & @dds**

    → **Mainly supports part 121 and 135 operators**

→ **Through CAWS Other NWS Aviation Services Can Be Provided**