

# VATUSA ALBUQUERQUE CENTER AND VATUSA DENVER CENTER

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

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### **SUBJECT: INTERCENTER COORDINATION PROCEDURES**

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1. **PURPOSE.** This agreement establishes standard coordination procedures for VATUSA Albuquerque Center (ZAB) and VATUSA Denver Center (ZDV), and is supplementary to FAA Order 7110.65, Air Traffic Control.
  
2. **DISCLAIMER.** Information contained herein is designed and specifically for use in a virtual controlling environment. It is not applicable, nor should be referenced for live operations in the National Airspace System (NAS).
  
3. **CANCELLATION.** Reserved
  
4. **PROCEDURES.**
  - a. Designated Reference Points:
    - (1) TRI-CENTER Point common to ZAB/ZDV/ZLA
    - (2) TRI-POINT Point common to ZAB/ZDV/ZKC
  
  - b. Sector Stratification:
    - (1) ZAB sectors are stratified as noted below:

(a) ZAB Sector 43	All altitudes
(b) ZAB Sector 17	All altitudes
(c) ZAB Sector 94	All altitudes except FL280 and below under Sector 97
(d) ZAB Sector 15	FL280 and Below
(e) ZAB Sector 97	FL290 and Above
  
    - (2) ZDV sectors are stratified as noted below:

(a) ZDV Low Sectors	FL270 and Below
(b) ZDV High Sectors	FL280 and Above
  
  - c. Transponder codes may be changed without coordination upon initial contact.

d. Coordination for Climbing or Descending Aircraft:

The transferring controller need not verbally coordinate aircraft climbing or descending to an assigned altitude, provided:

- (1) An automated radar hand-off has been performed, and
- (2) The data block reflects the correct assigned altitude of the aircraft.

e. The holding pattern protected airspace associated with the Standard Instrument Approach Procedure at Taos Municipal Airport (SKX), Taos, New Mexico, extends into ZDV's airspace. Therefore, ZAB shall advise ZDV when the holding pattern will be used, the specific altitude(s), and when the holding pattern is no longer in use.

**5. ATTACHMENTS.**

a. Attachment 1 – Route and Altitude Requirements

**ROUTE AND ALTITUDE REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise coordinated with the receiving facility, the following route and altitude requirements shall be complied with:

**AIRCRAFT ENTERING ZDV FROM ZAB**

<u>LANDING</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>
DEN	At or Above FL240	Route via: HGO, ALS, or RSK

**AIRCRAFT ENTERING ZAB FROM ZDV**

<u>LANDING</u>	<u>FROM/OVER</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>RESTRICTIONS</u>
PHX	ALL	AOA FL270	Route via: GUP
PHX Satellite Airports (SDL, CHD, FFZ, GEU, GYR, DVT, IWA, CGZ)	All Turbojets	ALL	Route Over or West of RSK direct FLG & Enter ZAB AOB FL340
ABQ	DEN	AOA FL320	Enter ZAB AOB FL320
ABQ	RSK	AOA FL290	Enter ZAB AOB FL290
DFW	ALL	AOA FL270	Route via: PNH, BGD, or TXO