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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission

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SUBJECT: Airport Weather Camera Request

As a follow up to the April Aeronautics Commission meeting, the Department of Transportation surveyed medical air transport operators regarding their preferred airports for aviation weather camera installations. Based on their feedback, the following airports were identified:

Aberdeen

Chamberlain

Custer

Eagle Butte

Gregory

Huron

Parkston

Pine Ridge

- Rosebud
- Sisseton
- Spearfish
- Vermillion
- Wagner
- Watertown
- Winner

The installer has provided a cost estimate ranging from \$12,500 to \$13,500 per installation. Based on this estimate, installing weather cameras at all 15 airports would cost approximately \$202,500.

The next step is for the Aeronautics Commission to consider approving the funding and prioritization of these installations to enhance weather reporting and flight safety at these critical locations. Attached to this memo is a map for a visual of these preferred camera locations.

WEATHER REPORTING AT SOUTH DAKOTA AIRPORTS

