

**OAKLAND ARTCC and SALT LAKE CITY ARTCC
LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Effective: 13 June 2003

SUBJECT: INTERCENTER COORDINATION PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: This letter of agreement establishes standard procedures to be utilized by Oakland (ZOA) and Salt Lake City (ZLC) Centers.

CANCELLATION: This LOA supercedes any and all previous LOA's between ZOA and ZLC.

SCOPE: The provision and procedures contained herein are supplemental to those contained in [FAA Order 7110.65](#) and VATSIM/VATUSA policies and procedures.

PROCEDURES: Unless otherwise coordinated, the following procedures shall apply:

1. General Procedures:
 - a. General handoff procedures shall be in accordance with current VATSIM, VATUSA, ZLC, and ZOA policies, except as noted in this section.
 - b. Either Center may assign a cardinal altitude/flight level not normally assigned for direction of flight, provided specific verbal approval is obtained from the receiving Center prior to handoff.
 - c. Altitude changes for aircraft within 5 minutes of the receiving Center's boundary shall be coordinated.
 - d. Each Center shall advise the other at the time Center sectors are combined or separated.
 - e. Transponder codes may be changed without coordination upon contact.

2. Arrival Procedures:

- a. The following table outlines arrival fixes from ZLC to ZOA. ZLC shall route all traffic bound for the listed destination via the corresponding fix most appropriate for the aircraft's cleared route:

Destination	Fix
OAK, SFO, SJC	FMG, MVA, or OAL
RNO	GASSI, LLC, MVA, or OAL
SMF	FMG or MVA

- b. The following table outlines arrival fixes from ZOA to ZLC. ZOA shall route all traffic bound for the listed destination via the corresponding fix most appropriate for the aircraft's cleared route:

Destination	Fix
BIL	REO, BAM, or DBS
BOI, GTF, HLN, MSO	REO
SLC	BVL, DTA, or MLF
TWF	BAM or TWF

- i. ZLC shall ensure Reno (RNO) arrivals are at or below FL220 prior to handoff to ZOA.

3. GABBS/Austin MOA:
 - a. ZOA and ZLC shall implement a simplified version of the GABBS & Austin Military Operating Area associated with the Naval Air Station Fallon range complex. The lateral boundaries of the GABBS/Austin MOA shall be depicted on ZOA & ZLC radar sector files. The vertical boundary is 200 feet AGL to but not including FL180. Boundaries are depicted on this graphic.
 - b. ZOA shall be the controlling agency of this airspace. Military pilots may schedule use of the MOA with either ZOA or ZLC controllers, who shall pass the schedule request to OAK_CTR (or OAK_C_CTR when sectorized).
 - c. ZOA shall inform ZLC of any changes in the status of the MOA (eg: reserved, "hot", or "cold").
 - d. ZLC shall route all IFR traffic clear of the MOA when it is reserved or in use.
 - e. ZOA and ZLC controllers shall advise VFR traffic within their respective airspace of the status of the MOA. Note: VFR traffic may enter an active MOA at pilot's discretion and without ATC coordination.
 - f. In the event of a "spill-in" condition (non-participating aircraft enters MOA) occurring in ZLC airspace, ZLC shall advise ZOA of the spill-in event. ZOA shall issue a "whiskey alert" to participating aircraft within the MOA.
 - g. Participating military aircraft operating within the MOA shall operate under MARSAs (military authority assumes responsibility for separation of aircraft) and are exempt from FARs for speed and altitude levels during tactical training.