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Hedlund becomes new acting director of Oregon Department of Aviation

Salem—The Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) announced today that Doug Hedlund will take over the Oregon Department of Aviation as that agency's acting director.

Hedlund replaces Gregg Dal Ponte, who has returned to his regular post as administrator of ODOT's Motor Carrier Transport Division. Dal Ponte served as acting director of the Department of Aviation since October of last year.

Hedlund is a veteran manager with long experience in state government. He has served nearly four years in his present position as Freight Mobility Operations and OD Permit Manager in the Oregon Department of Transportation, having held several management positions with ODOT since 1991.

"I know Doug Hedlund will carry on the excellent work that Gregg Dal Ponte did as acting director of Aviation," said Scott Harra, DAS director. "Stabilizing operations and restoring sound management have been our main goals. We will now continue our search for a permanent department director — someone with proven management skills and a strong record of leadership. Doug will help lead that effort."