Summary of Changes
WINGS – Pilot Proficiency Program
(Released in March 2010)

Before the Change	After the Change
Access to the automated *WINGS* Program is confusing	An entirely new intuitive and user-friendly computer interface has been implemented
The three levels of *WINGS* are: *WINGS* Basic Phase, *WINGS* Advanced Phase, and *WINGS* Master Phase	The three levels of *WINGS* are renamed: *WINGS*, Advanced *WINGS*, and Master *WINGS*
Each Phase can be earned only once every 12 months	Users can earn multiple Phases in each Level, such as *WINGS* Phase I, *WINGS* Phase II, *WINGS* Phase III, etc.
Individual tasks expire exactly 365 days after the completion date	Individual tasks expire on the last day of the month, 12 calendar months after the completion date
A Phase of *WINGS* expires as soon as any task expires	A Phase of *WINGS* is valid for 12 months after the completion of that Phase; a Phase of *WINGS* must be current to be awarded another Phase of *WINGS*
Tasks to be completed for a Phase of *WINGS* are found by clicking on a link and searching the database; possible choices are dependent on entries made in your Airman Profile	Tasks to be completed for a Phase of *WINGS* are dependent on entries made in your Airman Profile and are immediately displayed to you in a convenient checklist; you may choose to search for alternative tasks using an improved Activity search feature
All six tasks must be earned within a 12-month period to qualify for a Phase of *WINGS*	No Change
Instructors must be registered on FAASafety.gov to give credit for a completed task	Any instructor can give credit for completed *WINGS* tasks; although strongly recommended, instructors do <u>not</u> need be registered on FAASafety.gov to give credit. More like a logbook experience
Instructors are treated like any other user	Instructors have their own "Portal" to instructor-oriented material, including giving credit
The *WINGS* Completion certificate does not indicate the date the Phase was earned.	The *WINGS* Completion certificate displays the date that Phase of *WINGS* was earned; it also displays the date the very first Phase of *WINGS* was earned (in the automated Program)
The *WINGS* completion certificate can only be printed if the *WINGS* phase is current	*WINGS* completion certificates can be printed at any time for any Phase of *WINGS*
Web site pages contain numerous confusing icons	Confusing icons are replaced with clear text
Individual flight tasks necessary for completion of a Phase of *WINGS* can be printed one at a time	The six tasks necessary for completion of a Phase of *WINGS* are summarized and can be printed in a single document for easy reference; includes space for validation of each flight task

Elective credits can move between Phases of **WINGS** and will always fill the lowest Phase first	**WINGS** credits will remain at the Level at which they were earned
As many as four clicks are required to enroll in an online course	Enrollment in an online course requires only a single click
Confusing terminology, Core and Elective, for example, is used to describe tasks	No confusing terminology is used to describe tasks; a task is a task! All terminology has been simplified
A summary of current your **WINGS** credits is located in a 3-part grid, which is sometimes hidden	A summary of your current **WINGS** credits is located in a single location that is always available
Some Flight Review information is printed on the **WINGS** completion certificate in small print	A complete summary of Flight Review information is printed on a separate wallet-sized certificate
There are obsolete instructions in the Aviation Safety Inspector's Handbook concerning renewal of flight instructor certificates based on **WINGS** participation	There are updated instructions in the Aviation Safety Inspector's Handbook concerning renewal of flight instructor certificates based on **WINGS** participation (Pending FAA publishing in 2010)
Users without access to a computer are not accommodated in the automated **WINGS** Program	Users without access to a computer are now accommodated in the **WINGS** Program; special user accounts can be created by anyone with a computer for someone else who does not have a computer. **WINGS** flight credits must still be validated by instructors with a computer
Available seating advertised at a SPANS event (**WINGS** Safety Seminar) was limited to 85% of available seating to allow for walk in attendance	Revised to advertise all available seats with no limitations (unless the FPM or FAASTeam Representative prefers to limit advertised seating for walk ins)
Menus are confusing and not fully described	Menus and tabs are intuitive and complete descriptions are available by clicking on a tab
Log in and user information is almost hidden	A new user Dashboard contains log in and user information, and easy-to-understand links to user information