

## **Impact of Sequestration on U.S. Air Travel**

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the looming sequester will cost about 750,000 jobs this year alone. Established by the Budget Control Act, passed in 2011, mandates a “sequestration” across-the-board spending to all federal agencies, programs, and policies.

The agencies charged with maintaining the safety and efficiency of U.S. air travel will be dramatically impacted. Many effects will be felt in airports across the nation as soon as April 1, 2013.

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

- Cut \$600 million from its operations and facilities & equipment accounts
- All FAA employees would be furloughed for 11 days
- As much as 10 percent of FAA employees would be furloughed on any given day
- Unable to hire replacements for the 30 percent of its workforce eligible to retire
- Reduced flights into air systems
- 2,000 – 2,200 air traffic controllers would be furloughed
- \$136 million reduction in air traffic control modernization fund
- 1,480 ongoing aircraft and part manufacturing projects may not be approved for use

### **Customs and Border Patrol**

- CBP Officers and Patrols would be furloughed for 12 – 14 days
- Wait times at busiest airports would regularly reach three or more hours
- Thousands of passengers would miss connecting flights
- CBPO workforce would be reduced by 2,750 CBP Officers and 5,000 Border Patrol Agents

### **Transportation Security Administration**

- 50,000 officers would be furloughed for up to seven days.
- Security checkpoint waits would increase by as much as an additional hour