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Eligibility of North Arcoostook Regional Airport Authority for Social Security Coverage

This replies to your memo of May 17, 1974, concerning the subject.

You ask whether or not North Arcoostook Regional Airport Authority would be eligible for social security coverage under Chapter 103, Title 5 M.R.S.A. The answer to that question is affirmative.

The subject Authority is legally separate juristic entity as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 1222, subsection 6. The enabling statute, 30 M.R.S.A., Chapter 203, expressly authorized the creation, by agreement, of a separate legal entity. See 30 M.R.S.A. § 1953, subsections 2 and 3. Acting pursuant thereto, the municipalities by agreement, approved by this Department and the Department of Aeronautics, created "a separate legal entity." See page 1 of the Agreement.

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AN INFORMAL OPINION