

the cost and time of certifying systems with software while maintaining or increasing system safety.

The purpose of SSAC is: (1) To determine scientifically if the time/expense burden yields the safety benefits; (2) to recommend improvements; and (3) to prototype those improvements. The FAA assembled a team of experts to accomplish this purpose.

In January 1998, the first SSAC workshop was held to gather industry's input regarding cost and schedule drivers. The data gathered from the first workshop has been analyzed and is presented in a report that can be accessed on the SSAC web-site: <<http://shemesh.larc.nasa.gov/ssac/>>.

Workshop Announcement

On May 19–21, 1998, the second SSAC Workshop will be held starting at 8:30 am. The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Virginia. The purpose of the workshop is: (1) To identify the three most important issues affecting certification costs and schedules, (2) to define a preliminary process for collecting data about the extent and significance of these issues, (3) to begin determining their root causes, and (4) to begin addressing some of the short-term opportunities identified at the first workshop.

Attendance is open to the appropriate industry participants; however registration is required. Persons wishing to receive additional information or to register should visit the SSAC web-site at <<http://shemesh.larc.nasa.gov/ssac/>> or contact the SSAC Assistant Program Manager, Bonnie Danner: TRW Government Information Services Division; One Federal System Park Drive; Fairfax, VA 22033–4416; 202–651–2254 (phone); or 202–484–1255 (fax).

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 15, 1998.

Brian Yañez,

Acting Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application to Impose and Use the Revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Fort Wayne International Airport, Fort Wayne, IN

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Fort Wayne International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101–508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: FAA Great Lakes Region, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 201, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Lester P. Coffman Jr., Executive Director, of the Fort Wayne—Allen County Airport Authority at the following address: Fort Wayne—Allen County Airport Authority, Suite 209, Lt. Paul Baer Terminal, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46809.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Fort Wayne—Allen County Airport Authority under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard A. Pur, Airports Engineer, FAA Great Lakes Region, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 201, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, 847/294–7527. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue a PFC at Fort Wayne International Airport under the provisions of the aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101–508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On April 7, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Fort Wayne—Allen County Airport Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than July 9, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application Number: 98–02–C–00–FWA.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: March 1, 2015.

Proposed charge expiration date: December 31, 2015.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$500,000.

Brief description of proposed project: Master Plan Update.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFC's: Air taxi/commercial operators that (1) by federal regulation are not required to report passenger statistics to the federal government and (2) enplane 10 or fewer passengers per flight.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Fort Wayne—Allen County Airport Authority.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois April 14, 1998.

Benito De Leon,

Manager, Planning and Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determination

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85–5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the object to be included in the exhibit, "The Nature of

Diamonds'' (See list ¹), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, is of cultural significance. This object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed object at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, from approximately April 24, 1998 through August 30, 1998, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fund Availability Under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the grant component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This Notice contains information concerning the program, application process and amount of funding available.

DATES: An original completed and collated grant application (plus three collated copies) for assistance under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Washington, DC, by 4:30 PM Eastern Time on June 10, 1998. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX). In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT: Veterans Industries at (813)

228-2871 (this is not a toll-free call). For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: An original completed and collated grant application (plus three copies) must be submitted to the following address: Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Applications must be received in the Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group by the application deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Hayes, Victor Harris, or Roger Casey, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; (202) 273-8966 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice announces the availability of funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This program is authorized by Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992. Funding applied for under this Notice may be used for: (1) Remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition of buildings, acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction. Applicants may apply for more than one type of assistance.

Although a separate notice will be published announcing fund availability for the Per Diem Component of the program, grant applicants seeking such assistance should indicate this request on the application submitted for a grant. The applicants who are awarded grants will not be required to complete a separate application for per diem assistance. VA will review those portions of the grant application that pertain to per diem.

Grant applicants may not receive assistance to replace funds provided by any state or local government to assist homeless persons. For existing projects, VA will fund only the portion of the project that will house the new program or new component of an existing program. A proposal for an existing project that seeks to shift its focus by changing the population to be served or the precise mix of services to be offered is not eligible for consideration. No more than 25 percent of services available in projects funded through this grant program may be provided to

clients who are not receiving those services as veterans.

Authority

VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is authorized by Sections 3 and 4 of Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) and has been extended through fiscal year 1999 by Public Law 105-114. The program is implemented by the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on June 1, 1994 and February 27, 1995, and revised February 11, 1997. The regulations can be found in their entirety in 38 CFR, Volume 1, Sec. 17.700 through 17.731, revised July 1, 1997. Funds made available under this Notice are subject to the requirements of those regulations.

Allocation

Approximately \$5.0 million is available for the grant component of this program.

Application Requirements

The specific grant application requirements will be specified in the application package. The package includes all required forms and certifications. Conditional selections will be made based on criteria described in the application. Applicants who are conditionally selected will be notified of the additional information needed to confirm or clarify information provided in the application. Applicants will then have one month to submit such information. If an applicant is unable to meet any conditions for grant award within the specified time frame, VA reserves the right to not award funds and to use the funds available for other grant and per diem applicants.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of

¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Neila Sheahan, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-5030, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.