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Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2839]

State Department Consultation With American Indigenous Groups

The Department of State will hold a consultation between U.S. Government officials, federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, and other interested groups/parties to discuss issues of interest to indigenous groups and to provide tribal leaders with an update on progress on the United Nations (U.N.) and Organization of American States (OAS) draft declarations on the indigenous rights. This consultation is intended to build upon previous consultations held in 1996 and 1997, providing a regular forum for discussions between the Department of State and federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. The consultation, which is open to the general public, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, July 15, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. A reception will be held following the meeting from 5-7 p.m. at the Department.

The consultation will take place in the Loy Henderson Auditorium, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. on both days, at the main entrance, 2201 C Street, of the Department of State. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Those interested in attending or seeking additional information should contact Karen Jo McIsaac (202-647-2362; fax: 202-647-9519) in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor at the Department of State. To ensure that your name is on the list of participants, please contact the Department of State no later than July 10, 1998.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

John Shattuck,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-12]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before July 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tawana Matthews (202) 267-9783 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petition For Exemption

Docket No.: 29204.

Petitioner: The Boeing Company.
Regulations Affected: 25.562(b)(2), 25.562(c)(5), 25.562(c)(6).

Description of Petition: To exempt The Boeing Company Model MD-17 freighter airplanes from the floor warpage and femur compression test requirements, and from the head injury criteria requirements of 14 CFR 5.562(b)(2), 25.562(c)(5), 25.562(c)(6), for the pilot, co-pilot, and observer's seat.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 28541.

Petitioner: Isaac B. Weathers.
Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.109 (a) and (b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit the petitioner to conduct certain flight instruction and simulated instrument flights to meet the recent instrument experience requirements, in certain Beechcraft airplanes equipped with a functioning throwover control wheel in place of functioning dual controls. *GRANT, June 2, 1998, Exemption No. 6526A.*

Docket No.: 29243.

Petitioner: Atlantic Coast Airlines.
Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 25.562(c)(5) and 25.785(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To allow front row passenger seating on the petitioner's Jetstream Series 4100 Model 4101 airplane. *GRANT, June 2, 1998, Exemption No. 6776.*

Docket No.: 29120.

Petitioner: Air Lab.
Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.45(f).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Air Lab to assign Inspection Procedures Manuals (IPM) to key individuals within departments and to functionally place an adequate number of IPM's for access by all employees, in lieu of providing a copy of the IPM to all supervisory and inspection personnel, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *GRANT, May 18, 1998, Exemption No. 6777.*

Docket No.: 28934.

Petitioner: Covington Aircraft Engines, Inc.
Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 45.13 (b) and (c).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Covington, instead of the engine manufacturer, to

replace mutilated or unreadable data plates with a copy of the original data plate on Pratt & Whitney Wasp, Wasp Jr., R985, and R1340 engines when an engine or component is overhauled at its facility. The operation would be accomplished using the conditions specified in Covington's petition in lieu of the procedures set forth in FAA Order 8130.2C for the removal of aircraft engine identification plates and the placement of the same data plate on a different engine assembly. *DENIAL*, May 29, 1998, *Exemption No. 6778*.

Docket No.: 29112.

Petitioner: Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 156.5(b).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner to use up to 1 percent of the State apportionment annual funds issued during fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for program and administrative training costs under the Airport Improvement Program. *GRANT*, May 20, 1998, *Exemption No. 6779*.

Docket No.: 27821.

Petitioner: Cedar Rapids Police Department Air Support Division.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.209(a) and (d).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner to conduct air operations in support of law enforcement and drug interdiction without illuminating the lighted position and anticollision aircraft lights required by § 91.209, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *GRANT*, June 2, 1998, *Exemption No. 6780*.

Docket No.: 29075.

Petitioner: Mercy Medical Center Redding.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.213(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner to conduct emergency medical system departures in fixed-wing aircraft under instrument flight rules in weather that is at or above visual flight rules minimums from airports at which a weather report is not available from the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS), a source approved by the NWS, or a source approved by the Administrator. *DENIAL*, June 2, 1998, *Exemption No. 6781*.

Docket No.: 29025.

Petitioner: Northwest Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.434(c)(1)(ii).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner to substitute a qualified and authorized check airman in place of an FAA

inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in command who is completing the initial or upgrade training specified in § 121.424 during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *GRANT*, June 3, 1998, *Exemption No. 6782*.

Docket No.: 29012.

Petitioner: Continental Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.434(c)(1)(ii).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Continental to substitute a qualified and authorized check airman in place of an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in command who is completing the initial or upgrade training specified in § 121.424 during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *GRANT*, June 11, 1998, *Exemption No. 6783*.

Docket No.: 29151.

Petitioner: Aramco Associated Company.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.609(c).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner to operate its four Bell Model 212 helicopters in part 91 operations without a digital flight data recorder installed in each of those aircraft, as required by part 91, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *GRANT*, June 12, 1998, *Exemption No. 6784*.

Docket No.: 29142.

Petitioner: Geo-Seis Helicopters, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.152(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner to operate its Bell Model 212 helicopter without an approved digital flight data recorder installed subject to certain conditions and limitations. *GRANT*, June 12, 1998, *Exemption No. 6785*.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Establishment of an Aviation Research Grants Program Involving Primarily Undergraduate Institutions and Technical Colleges

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of criteria.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is providing notice of the principal criteria for the

awarding of grants under the Research Grants Program Involving Undergraduate Students, as provided under the FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997, Public Law 105-155. The FAA is soliciting proposals for research grants from primarily undergraduate institutions and technical colleges, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), for research on subjects of relevance to the FAA.

Grants may be awarded in the following three categories:

1. Research projects to be carried out at primarily undergraduate institutions and technical colleges;
2. Research projects that combine research at primarily undergraduate institutions and technical colleges with other research supported by the FAA; or
3. Research on future training requirements on projected changes in regulatory requirements for aircraft maintenance and power plant licensees.

The principal criteria for the awarding of grants under this program are:

1. The relevance of the proposed research to technical research needs identified by the FAA;
2. The scientific and technical merit of the proposed research; and
3. The potential for participation by undergraduate students in the proposed research.

The FAA explicitly reserves the right to make one award, multiple awards, or no awards under this program.

A solicitation, entitled "Grants for Undergraduate Aviation Research" will be available through the Internet beginning June 12, 1998. The ftp address is: <ftp://ftp.tc.faa.gov/Grants/Solicitations/ungrad.doc>.

Colleges and universities not eligible under the program described in this notice are encouraged to submit applications under our existing grant program. Interested parties may access the current solicitation, Grants for Aviation Research, Program No. 97.2 at any time throughout the year at the ftp site: <ftp://ftp.tc.faa.gov/Grants/Solicitations/solic97.doc>.

DATES: The solicitation for applications under this program will be available on the Internet beginning June 12, 1998. The Opening Date for receipt of grant applications is July 01, 1998 and the Closing Date is July 31, 1998. Proposals postmarked on or before the closing date will be accepted for review. Applicants should allow at least 90 days for review and processing.

ADDRESSES: Grant applications should be submitted to Clare J. Nanni, Grants Officer, Aviation Research Grants