

Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW, Room 122, Washington, DC 20508. Persons submitting written comments should provide twenty (20) typed copies, as soon as possible, and by no later than September 11, 2000. USTR invites written comments from interested persons on the feasibility and desirability of negotiating MRAs in each sector identified above. Comments are invited in particular on: (a) The benefits of pursuing an MRA in each sector; and (b) any specific concerns regarding an MRA in any of the sectors, particularly any concerns regarding consumer protection. Comments should state clearly the position taken and should describe the specific information (including data, if possible) supporting that position. All submissions must be in English and should conform to the information requirements of 15 CFR Part 2003. Where possible, please supplement written comments with a computer disk of the submission, either in spreadsheet or word processing table format. The disk should have a label identifying the software used and the submitter.

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395-6186. The reading room is open to the public by appointment only from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Business confidential information, including any information submitted on disks, will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. If the submission contains business confidential information, twenty (20) copies of a public version that does not contain confidential information must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of

each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

David Walters,

Acting Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 17, 2000 [65 FR 20507]. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION COMMENT: Mr. Luther Dietrich or Mr. Dennis DeVany; EAS and Domestic Analysis Division, X-53; Office of Aviation Analysis; Office of the Secretary; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW.; Washington, DC 20590-0002. Telephone (202) 366-1046 or (202) 366-1061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Office of the Secretary (OST)

Title: Supporting Statements—Air Carriers' Claims for Subsidy Payments.

OMB Control Number: 2106-0044.

Affected Public: Small air carriers selected by the Department in docketed cases to provide subsidized essential air service.

Abstract: The requested collection of information covers OST Form 397 and OST Form 398.

Need: In 14 CFR part 271 of its Aviation Economic Regulations, the Department provided that subsidy to air carriers for providing essential air service will be paid to the carriers monthly, and that payments will vary according to the actual amount of service performed during the month. The reports of subsidized air carriers of

essential air service performed on the Department's OST Form 397, "Air Carrier's Report of Departures Performed in Scheduled Service" and OST Form 398, "Air Carrier's Claim for Subsidy" establish the fundamental basis for paying these air carriers on a timely basis.

Annual Estimated Burden: 4,176*.

*The annual estimated burden has been increased from 4,020 hours primarily because the essential air service program has been expanded in the amount of service supported (number of round trips per week) in response to increased funding from Congress.

Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Michael Robinson,

Information Resource Management, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular on Outdoor Laser Operations

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed advisory circular.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) invites public comment on a draft Advisory Circular (AC) that provides guidance for proponents interested in conducting outdoor laser operations that may affect operators in the navigable airspace.

DATES: Comment must be received on or before September 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposed AC to the FAA, Manager, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 423, Washington, DC 20591. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following email address: Bnelson@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bil Nelson at the above address, telephone (202) 267-8783, facsimile (202) 267-9328, or e-mail to: Bnelson@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How Do I Obtain A Copy of the Proposed AC?

You may obtain a copy of the AC by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

How Do I Submit Comments on the AC?

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC material by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments can be mailed to the above address or by electronic method Bnelson@faa.gov. Comments must identify the title of the AC and be submitted in duplicate to the address specified above. The FAA will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comment before making a final determination in regard to AC material.

Background

In November 1995, in response to safety concerns from National Airspace System (NAS) users, the FAA initiated actions to address the potential effect of laser emissions (light beams) on aircraft operations in the NAS.

One of the actions taken by the FAA was to solicit assistance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the regulatory oversight agency for performance standards for laser equipment and operations. In addition, the FAA tasked and received recommendations from the Flight Deck Laser Hazards Safety Committee of the Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE-G10t).

One of the outcomes of the above effort is the subject draft AC. The draft AC reflects the FAA's use of information and recommendations from the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (a component of the FDA) and the SAEG10t to further develop policy and establish guidance regarding the protection of aircraft operations from the potential impact of laser activity.

The AC provides information for those proponents planning to conduct lasers operations that may affect aircraft operations in the navigable airspace. The AC explains who should file a notice of a laser event, why notification to the FAA is necessary, how to notify the FAA of the laser operation, as well as what action the FAA will take to respond to such notifications.

Additionally, the AC explains what type of information is needed by the

FAA to make an appropriate determination regarding proposed outdoor laser operations.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 8, 2000.

Reginald C. Matthews,

Manager, Airspace and Rules Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2000-7758]

Pilot Program To Permit Cost-Sharing of Air Traffic Modernization Projects

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on proposed program guidance; request for sponsors' expressions of interest for air traffic modernization cost-sharing projects for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003.

SUMMARY: This notice provides FAA's proposed program guidance on Section 304 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation and Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (FAIR-21), which authorizes a pilot program for cost-sharing of air traffic modernization projects. The purpose of Section 304 is to improve aviation safety and enhance mobility by encouraging non-Federal investment on a pilot program basis in critical air traffic control facilities and equipment. Under the pilot program, the Secretary of Transportation may make grants to eligible project sponsors for not more than ten eligible projects, with each project limited to Federal funding of \$15,000,000 and a 33 percent Federal cost share. A project sponsor may be a public-use airport (or a group of public-use airports), or a joint venture between a public-use airport (or a group of public-use airports) and one or more U.S. air carriers. In addition to requesting comments on the proposed program guidance, this notice requests sponsors' expressions of interest for cost-sharing projects for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003.

DATES: Comments on the proposed program guidance should be received at the U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets Room on or before September 29, 2000. Initial sponsors' expressions of interest should be received by the FAA's Air Traffic System Requirements Service on or before December 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed program guidance should be mailed or delivered, in duplicate, to U.S.

Department of Transportation Dockets Room, Docket No. FAA-2000-7758, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.gov. Comments may be filed and/or examined in Room Plaza 401 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays. Sponsors' expressions of interest should be mailed or delivered, in duplicate, to the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic System Requirements Service (ARS-1), Room 8206, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Electronic submissions of expressions of interests will not be accepted. Deliveries may be made between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ward Keech (202-267-3312) or Charles Monico (202-267-9527), Office of Aviation Policy and Plans (APO), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, views, or arguments on the proposed program guidance. Comments on possible environmental, economic, and federalism- or energy-related impacts of this proposal are welcomed. Comments concerning the proposed application and selection processes are also welcomed.

Comments should carry the docket or notice number and should be submitted in duplicate to the Rules Docket address specified above. All comments received and a report summarizing any substantive public contact with FAA personnel on this matter will be filed in the docket. The docket is available for inspection both before and after the closing date for receiving comments.

Before taking any final action on this notice, the Administrator will consider the comments made on or before the closing date for comments, and the proposed guidance may be changed in light of the comments received.

The FAA will acknowledge receipt of comments if the commenter includes a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the comments. The postcard should be marked "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2000-7758." When the FAA receives the comments, the FAA will date, time stamp, and return the postcard to the commenter.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from