

2. We grant the motion for leave to file an otherwise unauthorized document by the Regional Airline Association in Docket 49184; and

3. We will publish a copy of this order in the **Federal Register** and serve a copy on the Regional Airline Association.

Patrick V. Murphy,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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 Helena, Montana
 Idaho Falls, Idaho
 Kalispell, Montana
 Lincoln, Nebraska
 Minot, North Dakota
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Federal Aviation Administration

Airworthiness Standards; Fiscal Year 1998, Small Airplane Directorate's Research, Engineering and Development Initiatives, Program Identification

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for small airplane directorate's research, engineering and development program proposals.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a request for proposals that will define the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Small Airplane Directorate, Research, Engineering and Development (R,E&D) initiatives for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 by defining and documenting specific, potential R,E&D program proposals. The request for proposals will focus on Aircraft Certification R,E&D programs related to the Small Airplane Directorate's activities. The Small Airplane Directorate is responsible for

airworthiness areas related to the normal, utility, acrobatic, and commuter category airplanes, gliders, balloons, and airships. Other FAA requirements such as flight standards, air traffic, or airway facilities will not be addressed. The FAA is soliciting the public sector to ensure that the proposed Small Airplane Directorate's R,E&D requirements will have relevant, practical applications and will be cost effective.

DATES: The request for proposals will be open until close of business May 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to: Ervin E. Dvorak, Standards Staff (ACE-110), Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ervin E. Dvorak, Aerospace Engineer, Standards Staff (ACE-110), Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration; telephone number (816) 426-6941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each FY the FAA prepares an R,E&D program plan that include new (and amended) R,E&D proposals. The Aircraft Certification Service's Small Airplane Directorate is responsible for preparing its part of the overall FAA submittal.

The philosophy of the R,E&D process is to create an atmosphere that will promote the identification of requirements by any person or organization in the government or private sector. This makes the R,E&D process more responsive to public sector needs. Within the Aircraft Certification Service's Small Airplane Directorate, the R,E&D process places increased emphasis on outside participation in identifying new requirements and in sponsoring and monitoring the resulting R,E&D projects. Therefore, as part of the overall FAA and Aircraft Certification initiatives, the FAA's Small Airplane Directorate is undertaking a directly-related initiative specifically for airworthiness areas related to the normal, utility, acrobatic, and commuter category airplanes, gliders, balloons, and airships. Requirements should support issues critical to our regulatory and policy development. Also, the requirements could support certification issues for new and innovative designs and technology, and/or support correcting deficiencies in continued airworthiness. It has the same basic mission, goals, and procedures as the agency-wide initiative.

The Small Airplane Directorate will implement its segment of the FY-98 submittal by identifying, describing, evaluating, and cataloguing potential R,E&D requirements (i.e., proposals) for potential sponsorship and incorporation into the overall FAA FY-98 R,E&D submittal. This will result in a coordinated FY-98 requirements package that will be assigned to the appropriate FAA R,E&D provider organizations when approved and when funds are allocated by the budget process.

It should be stressed that the proposals that are evaluated as a result of this notice, if accepted, will not be funded until the overall FAA FY-98 R,E&D submittal is funded, (i.e., at least two years after their original submittal on October 15, 1995) and that reprogramming of limited R,E&D resources before than is highly unlikely. Also, the accepted proposals will have to complete for resources with other requirements identified for R,E&D by other FAA activities. Nonetheless, the need clearly exists to identify Small Airplane Directorate's Certification R,E&D needs to complete for the agency's R,E&D resources.

As a matter of information, there are four primary FAA R,E&D supplier organizations: (1) the FAA Technical Center (FAATC) in Atlantic City, New Jersey; (2) the Research and Development Service (ARD) in Washington, D.C.; (3) the Office of Environment and Energy (AEE) in Washington, D.C.; and (4) the Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, of the Office of Aviation Medicine (AAM). These organizations perform the R,E&D on programs that are approved and funded through the process.

Although not mandatory, the format of Figure 1 for R,E&D proposals is preferred:

Figure 1—FY-98 Small Airplane Director's R,E&D Program Description Form I.D. No. (FAA will fill in)

Originator

(Insert Name, Address, Phone Number, and Fax Number)

Proposed R,E&D Program Description & Objectives

(Insert Brief Description of the proposal program and its major goals and objectives)

Note: A more detailed description may be attached in addition to this summary but is not mandatory at this time.

How Would You Accomplish This Program?

(Insert Brief Description of your recommended method of accomplishing the proposed R,E&D program)

Justification/History

(If appropriate, furnish data such as a concise accident/incident history and any other relevant statistics or information that would show that the proposed research is needed, cost-effective, and applicable to developing a solution to the proposed R,E&D project. This history/justification input data will be used to aid in assessing the relative value of the proposed R,E&D project.)

Anticipated Benefits/Products and Beneficiaries

(Insert Brief Description of anticipated benefits/products, who would benefit, and how)

If an R,E&D proposal has been submitted previously, then (unless a major change or update has been made) it is on file and need not be resubmitted.

Copies of this notice are being mailed to all known interested parties. Any interested party who desires but has not received a copy of this notice by May 19, 1995, should request a copy from Terre Flynn, Standards Staff (ACE-110), Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone number (816) 426-6941.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 25, 1995.

Henry A. Armstrong,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Airport Certification Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a new task assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert E. David, Assistant Executive Director for Airport Certification Issues, Office of Airport and Safety Standards

(AAS-300), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3085; fax (202) 267-5383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is Airport Certification issues. These issues involve the certification and operation of airports that service air carriers in 14 CFR part 139.

The Task

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendations on the following task.

Review Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 139 and develop recommendations concerning what requirements are applicable to airports that have scheduled service with aircraft having a seating capacity of 10 to 30 seats. In developing these recommendations, consideration should be given to accepted industry practices regarding airport safety, personnel available at these airports, costs associated with meeting these requirements (e.g., capital, operating, and maintenance costs) and the types of accidents/incidents that occur at these airports. Where it appears that it is not reasonable to apply a part 139 requirement at these airports, the ARAC shall examine alternatives to the requirement to determine if there is another means to assure a comparable level of safety.

In conducting this review, ARAC should (1) Consider categorizing the requirements applicable to these airports by the size of the airport, or some other means to achieve specific safety objectives, while minimizing the operational burden; (2) consider alternatives to providing aircraft rescue and firefighting services for operations at these airports; (3) consider conducting a survey of the airports that would be affected by this rule; and (4) recommend applicable requirements, including a reasonable compliance period, taking into account economic and operational factors.

The recommendations from ARAC could serve as the basis for a notice of proposed rulemaking, if the FAA is granted the legislative authority to certificate these airports.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC has accepted the task and has chosen to establish a new Commuter Airport Certification Working Group. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC to assist ARAC in the analysis of the assigned task. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The Commuter Airport Certification Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider airport certification issues held following publication of this notice.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider airport certification issues. Participation in the Working Group.

The Commuter Airport Certification Working Group will be composed of experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed by the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair, and the individual will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public, except as authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meetings of the Commuter Airport Certification Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No