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Dated February 5, 1996.

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Office of the Secretary, Office of Aviation Analysis

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Special Authorities Division (X-57), Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590-0002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Scott Keller or Mr. Charles McGuire, Office of the Secretary, Office of Aviation Analysis, X-57, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-1031/4534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Exemptions For Air Taxi and Commuter Air Carrier Operations.

OMB Control Number: 2106-0031.

Expiration Date: March 31, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: In 14 CFR Part 298 of its Economic Regulations the Department established two classifications of air carriers known as air taxi operators and commuter air carriers. The latter are air taxi operators that also offer scheduled passenger service. Generally, these carriers are small businesses and operate only aircraft of limited size. In Part 298 the Department has exempted these carriers from certain requirements

of Chapter 411 of Title 49 of the United States Code to permit them to obtain operating authority by filing a single-sheet informational form, and otherwise complying with the provisions of Part 298. If this exemption did not exist these carriers would be required to formally seek operating authority by the lengthy and more costly process of applying for an operating certificate under Chapter 411.

The collection involved here requests only general information about a carrier. This information includes a list of the aircraft the carrier intends to use in its business. This list enables the Department to assure that liability insurance exists for these aircraft and, from a safety standpoint, it alerts the Federal Aviation Administration as to which of the carrier's aircraft must undergo an air taxi airworthiness examination. The collection is also used by the Department to protect the competitive interests of the air taxis. For example, each carrier is required to provide citizenship information in order that the Department can assure that the company qualifies as a U.S. citizen under Chapter 401 of the United States Code.

Respondents: Small air carriers operating aircraft with 60 seats or less or 18,000 pounds payload or less.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,119.

Average Annual Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: 1,060 hours.

This information collection is available for inspection at the Special Authorities Division (X-57), Office of Aviation Analysis, DOT, at the address above. Copies of 14 CFR Part 298 can be obtained from Mr. Scott Keller at the address and telephone number shown above.

Comments are Invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Federal Aviation Administration

Availability of Solicitation for Center of Excellence (COE) in Operations Research

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The FAA is soliciting competitive proposals from academic institutions to form an aviation operations research Center of Excellence (COE). The COE will be a consortium consisting of the FAA, universities, airlines, and other private industry to work collectively on business and operational issues of mutual interest and concern.

DATES: The closing date for submitting final proposals is April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Solicitation packages may be obtained by contacting the COE Program Office. Contact Ms. Patricia Watts or Mr. David Nesterok, Office of Research and Technology Applications, AAR, Building 270, Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey, 08405, Fax Number (609) 485-6509.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA intends to award a grant to establish a Center of Excellence in Operations Research to a qualified college university, or to a team of such institutions.

The FAA has identified a need for a Center of Excellence in aviation operations research. The need was determined by surveying the aviation transportation community. This survey identified a series of functional areas that best represent the concerns of a broad spectrum of aviation transportation users. Accordingly, the Center will conduct basic research in the following seven functional areas:

1. Air Traffic Control
2. Human-in-the-Loop Systems
3. System Performance and Assessment Measures
4. Flow Control, Scheduling, and Work Load Distribution
5. Operations Research and Simulation "Tool kit" Enhancements
6. Inter and Intra Governmental Communication, and Communications among FAA and Airspace Users
7. Navigation, Communication, and Data Transfer