

**Abstract:** Sections 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 (codified at 49 U.S.C. 31138) requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish regulations to require minimal levels of financial responsibility for-hire motor carriers of passengers to cover public liability and property damage. The Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability (Form MCS-90B) and the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Form MCS-82B) contain the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a motor carrier of passengers has obtained and has in effect the minimum levels of financial responsibility as set forth in 49 CFR 387.33. The information within these documents is used by the FHWA and the public to verify that a motor carrier of passengers has obtained and has in effect the required minimum levels of financial responsibility.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** The total annual burden is 105 hours.

**Address:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention FHWA Desk Officer.

**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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### Office of the Secretary; White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security will hold its final meeting to discuss aviation safety and security issues. Part of the meeting is open to the public and part is not.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 1997, from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in the Commerce Department Auditorium, 14th Street, between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard K. Pemberton, Administrative Officer, Room 6210, GSA Headquarters, 18th & F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405; telephone 202-501-3863; telecopier 202-501-6160.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 USC Appendix), DOT gives notice of a meeting of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security ("Commission"). The Commission was established by the President to develop advice and recommendations on ways to improve the level of civil aviation safety and security, both domestically and internationally. The principal purpose of the meeting on January 28 is to formulate the Commission's final recommendations to the President.

The portion of the meeting from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon, during which the Commissioners will formulate their recommendations on measures to improve aviation security, will be closed to the public pursuant to the following exemptions in the Government in the Sunshine Act, which apply to public meetings under the Federal Advisory Committee Act:

**Exemption 1: Classified information.** In order properly to formulate their recommendations, the Commissioners may need to discuss or refer to information properly classified in the interest of national security, which may not be done in public.

**Exemption 3: Information exempted from public disclosure by some other statute.** Under 49 USC 40119(b), the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may prohibit public disclosure of certain categories of information relating to aviation security, if disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, reveal company confidential information, or create a risk to the safety of individuals traveling in inter- or intra-state air transportation. These categories are described at 14 CFR Part 191. Such information will be discussed or referred to at the meeting.

**Exemption 4: Company confidential information.** There is competition in the aviation industry in many forms: among carriers, among equipment manufacturers, and among software

manufacturers, among others. Public discussion of some of these matters could violate 18 USC 1905, which makes it a crime to reveal improperly company confidential information that has come into the possession of the Government.

**Exemption 9: Premature disclosure would lead to frustration of proposed agency action.** The final recommendations of the Commission have not been formulated; it is possible, however, that public knowledge of some of the security recommendations may frustrate their acceptance and implementation by the FAA and other agencies. The Commission is authorized to protect against this possibility.

Limited seating for the public portion of the meeting is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The public may submit written comments to the Commission at any time; comments should be sent to Mr. Pemberton at the address and telecopier number shown above.

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### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Training and Qualification Issues—New Tasks

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of three new tasks 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:** Mr. Thomas Toula, Assistant Executive Director for Training and Qualification Issues, Flight Standards Service (AFS-210), FAA, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-5229; fax: (202) 267-5229.

#### 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