

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

Program, Office of Research and Technology Applications, AAR-201, FAA, William J. Hughes Technical Center, Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey 08405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clare J. Nanni, Grants Officer, Aviation Research Grants Program, Office of Research and Technology Applications, AAR-201, FAA, William J. Hughes Technical Center, Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey 08405, e-mail: clare.nanni@faa.dot.gov. Voice: (609) 485-6970, Fax: (609) 485-6509, or the FAA Aviation Research Grants Program hotline at 609-485-8410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: "Research Grants Program Involving Undergraduate Students", appearing at Section 3 of the FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-155), authorizes the FAA to establish a research grants program to utilize primarily undergraduate and technical colleges, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, in research on subjects of relevance to the FAA. The central purpose of the FAA Aviation Research Grants Program involving undergraduate students is to encourage the participation of undergraduate students in proposed projects that support innovative research of potential benefit to the long-term growth of civil aviation.

Research Areas

Areas that contribute to the FAA's mission of improving aviation safety, capacity, efficiency, human factors, and security, are as follows:

- a. Capacity and Air Traffic Control Technology;
- b. Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance;
- c. Aviation Weather;
- d. Airports;
- e. Aircraft Safety Technology;
- f. System Security Technology;
- g. Human Factors and Aviation medicine;
- h. Environment and Energy;
- i. Systems Science/Operations Research; and

In addition, research on future training requirements on projected changes in regulatory requirements for aircraft maintenance and power plant licensees are highlighted in the recent legislation. Detailed descriptions of these programs and additional research areas are contained in the program solicitation.

Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by two- and four-year colleges and universities, including HBCUs, HSIs and other minority institutions that meet the following definition of "technical college" or "primarily undergraduate" institutions:

1. Technical College is defined as an institution that offers associate degree programs in arts and science.
2. Primarily undergraduate institutions are such institutions that focus primarily on undergraduate education. Included by the definition are two- and four-year colleges, masters-level institutions, and smaller doctoral institutions that institution-wide did not award a total of more than 20 doctoral degrees during the past two academic years in science and engineering fields supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Proposal Submission

Guidelines for the application format and content are contained in the Solicitation. Every effort will be made to reach a decision and inform the applicant promptly. Unless and until an award is made, the FAA is not responsible for any costs incurred by the proposing organization.

Award Date

Recipients of FAA research grants will be announced on a continuous basis.

Issued in Atlantic County, New Jersey on June 12, 1998.

Jan Brecht-Clark,

Acting Director, Office of Aviation Research, AAR-1.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC) will be held to review present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures.

DATES: The meeting will be held from July 13-16, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tower Building, Minneapolis Airport, 6311 34th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from July 13-14, and the Fort Snelling Officers Club, Highway 5 and Post Road, building 395, from July 15-16.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Thomas Lintner, Executive Director, ATPAC, Strategic Operations/Procedures Division, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ATPAC to be held at the Tower Building, Minneapolis Airport, 6311 34th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from July 13-14, 1998, and the Fort Snelling Officers Club, Highway 5 and Post Road, building 395, from July 15-16, 1998.

The agenda for this meeting will cover: a continuation of the Committee's review of present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures. It will also include:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Submission and Discussion of Areas of Concern.
3. Discussion of Potential Safety Items.
4. Report from Executive Director.
5. Items of Interest.
6. Discussion and agreement of location and dates for subsequent meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Chairperson, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons desiring to attend and persons desiring to present oral statements should notify the person listed above not later than July 9, 1998. The next quarterly meeting of the FAA ATPAC is planned to be held from October 5-8, 1998, in Washington, DC.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time at the address given above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 12, 1998.

Thomas Lintner,

Executive Director, Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee.

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