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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Deadline for Submission of Application Under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for Fiscal Year 1999 for Sponsor Entitlement and Cargo Funds**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces May 1, 1999, as the deadline for each airport sponsor to have on file with the FAA an acceptable fiscal year 1999 grant application for funds apportioned to it under the AIP.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Stanley Lou, Manager, Programming Branch, Airports Financial Assistance Division, Office of Airport Planning and Programming, APP-520, on (202) 267-8809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 47105(f) of Title 49, United States Code, provides that the sponsor of each airport to which funds are apportioned shall notify the Secretary by such time and in a form as prescribed by the Secretary, of the sponsor's intent to apply for the funds apportioned to it (entitlements). Notification of the sponsor's intent to apply during fiscal year 1999 for any of its available entitlement funds including those unused from prior years, shall be in the form of a project application submitted to the cognizant FAA Airports office no later than May 1, 1999.

This notice is promulgated to expedite and prioritize grants prior to the May 31, 1999, AIP expiration date as established by Public Law 106-6 (the Interim Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act). Absent an acceptable application by May 1, FAA will defer an airport's entitlement funds until the next fiscal year. Pursuant to the authority and

limitations in section 47117(g), FAA will issue discretionary grants in an aggregate amount not to exceed the aggregate amount of deferred entitlement funds.

In prior fiscal years, FAA has had sufficient program flexibility to permit sponsors to provide notice later than the deadline date, or to use entitlement funds later in a fiscal year in spite of filing no notice to that effect. In FY 1999, however, FAA must make all discretionary grant awards prior to June 1, 1999, including discretionary grants of entitlement funds that are available to, but will not be used by, the airport sponsors to which they have been apportioned. Airport sponsors that fail to notify FAA by the deadline date that they intend to use all or a portion of their entitlement funds in FY 1999 may have access to these funds in FY 1999 after May 31, only if legislation is enacted prior to October 1, 1999, to authorize the AIP beyond September 30. This includes prior year entitlement funds that remain available to an airport sponsor only through fiscal year 1999. In all other cases, airport sponsors may request unused entitlements after September 30, 1999.

The FAA views the receipt of this notice from the sponsors of primary commercial service airports as particularly important this fiscal year. The ability to use the contract authority associated with unused entitlement funds on a discretionary basis during the current truncated program will allow FAA to obligate additional critically needed AIP funds by May 31. This abbreviated "year-end conversion" will result in more discretionary dollars for airport development. For these reasons, the FAA will rely heavily upon the extent to which responses to the required notice indicate the availability of unused entitlement funds for discretionary use. Inasmuch as the FAA will be able to obligate these funds after May 31 as entitlements only with the enactment of follow-on authorizing legislation, sponsors are advised to give careful consideration to decisions related to the use of entitlement funds during fiscal year 1999.

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*Manager, Programming Branch.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Transcript of February 11, 1999, Public Meeting Regarding Draft Interim Safety Guidance for Reusable Launch Vehicles**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a transcript from a public meeting held on February 11, 1999, at DOT Headquarters in Washington D.C., regarding draft interim safety guidance for reusable launch vehicles (RLVs). The Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST) developed the draft interim safety guidance for use by an applicant seeking a license to operate an RLV. The FAA held the public meeting for the purpose of gathering information from industry and the public generally concerning the safety objectives presented in the draft interim safety guidance. The transcript is filed under Docket Number 29140, at the FAA Rules Docket, in Room 915G of FAA Headquarters, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. The docket is available for inspection between 9:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The transcript can also be viewed on the AST Website at <http://ast.faa.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brian Campbell (AST-200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8464

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Columbia County, New York**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway