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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Federal Assistance for Women's Business Centers (WBC) Sustainability Pilot Program To Provide Financial Counseling and Other Technical Assistance to Women

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Program Announcement No. OWBO-2000-014.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-2000-014 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center (WBC) projects. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that have received financial assistance from SBA under its WBC Program. To be eligible the applicant must be either in the final year of its WBC 5-year project or have completed a WBC project financed by SBA which continues to provide assistance to women entrepreneurs. Funds will be provided to continue business training, counseling and technical assistance to women for an additional 5-year period. The authorizing legislation to establish this 4-year pilot program is the Women's Business Center Sustainability Act and the Small Business Act, sections 2 (h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. 631 (h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed and awarded simultaneously with other applications for first-time WBCs submitted under Program Announcement No. OWBO-2000-013.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially and economically disadvantaged in the target group. The applicant may propose specialized services that will assist

women in Empowerment Zones, women who are veterans, women with disabilities, women with home-based businesses, women in agribusiness, or women in rural or urban areas.

SBA will require award recipients to provide content and support to the SBA-funded Online Women's Business Center, ([www.onlinewbc.org](http://www.onlinewbc.org)) and provide training on the business uses of the Internet. Applicants' technical proposal must contain information about its current status and past performance, and a 5-year plan for service delivery, fund-raising, training and technical assistance activities. A center may receive financial assistance up to four years during the pilot's authorization period, however, the award will be issued annually to conduct a 12-month project.

The non-Federal match requirement is one non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar in years 1 through 5 of the project. Up to one-half of the non-Federal matching funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Approval of Noise Compatibility Program Amendment, Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, Baton Rouge, LA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the amendment to the noise compatibility program submitted by the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana under the provisions of Title 49, USC, Chapter 475 and CFR Part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On March 31, 1992, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On September 22, 1992, the Administrator approved the noise

compatibility program. On December 1, 1999, an amendment to the program was approved.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the FAA's approval of the amendment to the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport noise compatibility program is December 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mike Saupp, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, 76137, (817) 222-5645. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the amendment to the noise compatibility program for Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, effective December 1, 1999.

Under Title 49 USC, Section 47504 (Hereinafter referred to as "Title 49"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing noncompatible land uses within the area covered by the noise exposure maps. Title 49 requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal Program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in part 150 and Title 49 and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The noise compatibility program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing noncompatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas