

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than August 31, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 5, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 5, 2000.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 16, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Availability of Solicitation for Center of Excellence (COE) in General Aviation

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The FAA is soliciting competitive proposals from academic institutions to form a General Aviation Center of Excellence (COE). A COE is that entity at a college or university designated as the principal focus for long-term research in selected areas of aviation technology. Centers of Excellence are designated through an evaluation and award procedure established pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44513. The FAA will provide long-term funding to establish and operate the COE in support of general aviation. The grant recipient is required to match FAA funds with non-Federal funding over the term of the grant.

DATES: The closing date for submitting final proposals is November 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR SOLICITATION PACKAGES CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Watts, Program Manager, FAA

Centers of Excellence, AAR-400, Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey, 08405, phone number (609) 485/5043, facsimile number (609) 485-4101, and e-mail patricia.watts@tc.faa.gov.

Prior to final submission written questions may be submitted to the Program Manager, Center of Excellence. Answers will be distributed to all participants who request a solicitation package. Verbal questions are not acceptable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA intends to award a 50-50 cost share cooperative agreement to establish a Center of Excellence in General Aviation to a qualified college or university, or to a team of such institutions. The cooperative agreement will be awarded in 3-year increments up to a maximum of 10 years. It is the FAA's intent to fund a minimum of \$300,000/year for the first three years. It is also the intent of the FAA to award a single-source indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract to the winner of the competition, under which orders may be placed for development products.

The FAA has identified a need for a Center of Excellence in General Aviation. The Center will conduct research, which includes the entire spectrum (*i.e.* basic research through engineering development, prototyping and testing) within the scope of General Aviation. This scope includes, but is not limited to, the following five functional areas:

1. Airport Technology;
2. Propulsion and Structures;
3. Aging Aircraft;
4. Flight Safety;
5. Fire Safety;
6. Training.

The FAA intends to provide long-term funding to establish and operate a prestigious partnership with academia, industry and government. To this end, the FAA encourages offerors to team with organizations that compliment their expertise from academia, industry, state/local government, and other governmental agencies. The successful offeror is required to match FAA grant funds with non-federal funding over the term of the cooperative agreement. Cost sharing (negotiated individually) shall also be required for any orders placed under the IDIQ contract.

Eligibility

Colleges and universities are eligible for cooperative agreements to establish a Center of Excellence in General Aviation. Individuals are not eligible for a COE designation and do not qualify for grants under this program. The FAA

is seeking to ensure an equitable geographical distribution of funds and to encourage the inclusion of minority institutions.

Matching Funds Requirement

A Center of Excellence receives funding annually in the form of single or multiple continuing research grants over a three-year period. The federal government provides 50 percent of the costs of research. The institution must show a continuing source of non-Federal matching funds available for the remaining research. Once the COE is established, a fiscal report declaring the sources and amount of funding and expenditures must be submitted for review every 6 months to the COE program manager. A full review and grant closeout takes place at the conclusion of each three-year phase.

The Center of Excellence and the FAA shall agree upon the maximum expected costs in each fiscal year. Any cost incurred in excess of the maximum costs agreed upon with the agency shall be the sole obligation of the Center of Excellence.

The Center of Excellence is expected to account for all funds granted and matched, utilized to establish, operate, and conduct the specified research activities of the Center of Excellence.

Center Operations

The Center of Excellence shall maintain a close working relationship with the corresponding agency research program office. This relationship shall extend to participation in conference, meetings, joint research efforts, and submission of significant activity reports to the FAA on a routine basis. The COE shall prepare quarterly and semi-annual reports, and a fully inclusive annual report on research projects and fiscal expenditures, and shall host an on-site review of all research activities.

The FAA may require the COE to hold an annual joint symposium with the agency on topics relating to the status and results of the designated technology area. Researchers at the COE may serve as consultants by providing technical advice to the sponsoring agency program office. They may also be asked to participate on major planning and investigative committees related to general aviation.

Selection Criteria

The COE will be selected on the ability of the applicant to meet the following criteria mandated by 49 USC 44513:

- The extent to which the needs of the State in which the applicant is

located are representative of the needs of the region for improved air transportation services and facilities.

- The demonstrated research and extension resources available to the applicant for carrying out the intent of the legislation.

- The capability of the applicant to provide leadership in making national and regional contributions to the solution of both long-range and immediate air transportation problems.

- The extent to which the applicant has an established air transportation program.

- The demonstrated ability of the applicant to disseminate results of air transportation research and educational programs through a statewide or region-wide continuing education program.

- The research projects that the applicant proposes to carry out under the grant.

Award Date

The FAA anticipates that the selection of the Center of Excellence in General Aviation will be completed during the first quarter of calendar year 2001.

Issued in Atlantic County, New Jersey on August 15, 2000.

Herman A. Rediess,

Director, Office of Aviation Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 12-13, 2000, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 12. Arrange for oral presentations by September 7.

ADDRESSES: Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, 535 Garden Avenue, N., Building 10-16, Renton, WA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie M. Upshaw, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7626, FAX (202) 267-5075, or e-mail at effie.upshaw@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held September 12-13, 2000, in Renton, WA.

The agenda will include:

September 12

- Opening Remarks.
- FAA Report.
- Joint Aviation Authorities Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- Executive Committee Meeting Report.
- Human Factors HWG Report.
- Engine Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report.
- Avionics Systems HWG Report.
- General Structures HWG Report.
- Airworthiness Assurance Working Group Report.
- Seat Test HWG Report.
- Ice Protection HWG Report.
- Powerplant Installation HWG Report.
- Design for Security HWG Report.

September 13

- Flight Guidance System HWG Report.
- Systems Design and Analysis HWG Report.
- Extended Range with Two-Engine Aircraft (ETOPS) Tasking Update.
- Flight Test HWG Report.
- Electromagnetic Effects HWG Report.
- Loads & Dynamics HWG Report.
- Flight Controls HWG Report.
- Mechanical Systems HWG Report.
- Electrical Systems HWG Report.

Four HWGs—Powerplant Installation, Flight Control, Mechanical Systems, and Electrical Systems—plan to request ARAC approval of technical reports drafted under the Fast Track Process. The Ice Protection HWG plans to seek approval of its concept for a proposed certification rule addressing Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations 25.1419. The Electromagnetic Effects HWG plans to seek ARAC approval to forward a recommendation to the FAA consisting of a proposed rulemaking and advisory circular addressing high intensity radiated fields. The Loads and Dynamics HWG plans to seek approval of three work plans addressing landing limit descent velocities, ground handling conditions, and towing loads.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of meeting room space and telephone lines. The public may participate by teleconference by contacting Norm Turner, (425) 234-3312, or by e-mail, norman.g.turner@Boeing.com. Details for participating in the teleconference

will be available after September 6. Visitor badges are required to gain entrance to the building in which the meeting is being held. Please confirm your attendance with Norm Turner. Please provide the following information: full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your company, if applicable.

The public must make arrangements by September 7 to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport Airplane and Engine issues or by providing copies at the meeting. Copies of the documents to be presented to ARAC for decision or as recommendations to the FAA may be made available by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

If you are in need of assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 18, 2000.

Tony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Emergency Evacuation Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss emergency evacuation (EE) issues.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2000, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by September 7.

ADDRESSES: Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, 535 Garden Avenue, N., Building 10-16, Renton, WA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie M. Upshaw, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7626, FAX (202)