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James A. Grigg,

Acting Assistant Executive Director for Rotorcraft Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Technical Standard Order TSO-C RIPS, Recorder Independent Power Supply

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request comments on a draft Technical Standard Order (TSO) C RIPS, Recorder Independent Power Supply (RIPS). The draft TSO-C RIPS prescribes the minimum performance standard (MPS) that a RIPS must meet in order to bear the TSO number on its identification plate. The RIPS is to be used to provide emergency power to a cockpit voice recorder or combination voice/data recorder.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, ATTN: Bobbie J. Smith, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or, deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Program Support Specialist, AIR-120, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed TSO may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

Since 1983, there have been 52 accidents and incidents in which data was not available from either the cockpit voice recorder or the flight data recorder or both. In each of the incidences the non-availability of data was due to interruption of electrical power following engine failure, generator failure, or crew action.

Recent innovation in recorder and power supply technology have made it possible to provide an independent power source that would provide sufficient power to operate a solid-state flight recorder for 10 minutes. As such, the FAA proposes the availability of recorded voice and data information throughout the flight up until a brief period (10 minutes) after loss of electrical power. Such data would be beneficial to accident investigators in rapidly assessing the events leading up to and possibly the cause of accidents and incidents. Such rapid assessment would provide the information that the FAA and aircraft industry requires in order to implement any necessary corrective action.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO may be obtained via the information contained in section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/TSOA.htm>.

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Kim K. Smith,

Acting Deputy Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Innovative Grants To Support Increased Seat Belt Use Rates

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Announcement of grants to support innovative and effective projects designed to increase seat belt use rates.

SUMMARY: NHTSA announces the fourth year of a grant program under Section 1403 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) to provide funding to States for innovative projects to increase seat belt use rates. Consistent with prior years, the goal of this program is to increase seat belt use rates across the Nation in order to reduce the deaths, injuries, and societal costs that result from motor vehicle crashes. Selection of these Innovative Grants will be determined based on criteria, as specified in this Federal Register Notice. Funds will be tracked in a fashion similar to other highway safety grants, using the Grant Tracking System (GTS). This Notice solicits applications from the States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, through their Governors' Representatives for Highway Safety, for funds to be made available in fiscal year (FY) 2003. Detailed application instructions are provided in the Application Contents and Grant Criteria section of this Notice. The Section 157 Innovative Grants will be awarded to States that comply with the criteria set out in the Application Contents and Grant Criteria Section of this Notice.

DATES: Applications must be received by the appropriate NHTSA Regional Office, on or before August 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Each State must submit its application to the appropriate NHTSA Regional Office, to the attention of the Regional Administrator, on or before August 15, 2002. Addresses of the ten Regional Offices are listed in Appendix A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions relating to this grant program should be directed to Janice Hartwill-Miller, Occupant Protection Division (NTS-12), Office of Traffic Injury Control Programs, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5118, Washington, DC 20590, by e-mail at jhartwill-miller@nhtsa.dot.gov, or by phone at (202) 366-2684. For legal issues, States should contact Ms. Heidi L. Coleman, Office of Chief Counsel, NCC-30,