

is suspending from the Armed Forces those members, of whatever rank, who have been credibly alleged to have committed gross violations of human rights, including extra-judicial killings, or to have aided or abetted paramilitary groups;" (B) "[t]he Colombian Armed Forces are cooperating with civilian prosecutors and judicial authorities (including providing requested information, such as the identity of the persons suspended from the Armed Forces and the nature and cause of the suspension, and access to witnesses and relevant military documents and other information), in prosecuting and punishing in civilian courts those members of the Colombian Armed Forces, of whatever rank, who have been credibly alleged to have committed gross violations of human rights, including extra-judicial killings, or to have aided or abetted paramilitary groups;" and (C) "[t]he Colombian Armed Forces are taking effective measures to sever links (including by denying access to military intelligence, vehicles, and other equipment or supplies, and ceasing other forms of active or tacit cooperation), at the command, battalion, and brigade levels, with paramilitary groups, and to execute outstanding orders for capture for members of such groups." The Department of State has consulted with internationally recognized human rights organizations regarding the Colombian Armed Forces' progress in meeting the conditions contained in section 567(a)(1).

This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register** and copies shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Dated: September 9, 2002.

**Richard L. Armitage,**

*Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4123]

### Determination on Provision of Assistance in Support of the South African Special Protection Unit in Burundi To Help Advance the Burundi Peace Process

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of State by the laws and Constitution of the United States, including by section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, (the "Act") (22 U.S.C. 2261) and section 1-100 of Executive Order 12163, as

amended, I hereby authorize, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the use of up to \$5.0 million in FY 2002 Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) funds made available under Chapter 6 of Part II of the Act, in order to provide assistance authorized by Part I of the Act to support the South African Special Protection Unit to help protect returning opposition leaders participating in the Transitional Government inaugurated in Burundi on November 1, 2001.

This Determination shall be reported to Congress promptly and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 9, 2002.

**Colin L. Powell,**

*Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Advisory Circular 23-17A, Systems and Equipment Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance and availability.

**SUMMARY:** Advisory Circular (AC) 23-17A, Systems and Equipment Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes provides information and guidance concerning acceptable means, but not the only means of compliance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 23, subpart D from 23.671 and subpart F, applicable to the systems and equipment installation in normal, utility, acrobatic, and commuter category airplanes. The AC consolidates existing policy documents, and certain AC's that cover specific paragraphs of the regulations, into a single document and adds new guidance. Material in the AC is neither mandatory nor regulatory in nature and does not constitute a regulation.

**DATES:** AC 23-17A was issued by the Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, on June 27, 2002.

*How to Order:* A copy of AC 23-17A may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Post Office Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or from any of the Government Printing Offices located in major cities throughout the United States. Identify the publication as AC 23-17A, Systems and Equipment Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes,

Stock Number 050-007-01332-9. The cost is \$34.00 per copy for orders mailed within the U.S. and \$44.50 for orders mailed outside of the U.S. Send a check or money order, made payable to Superintendent of Documents, with your request. No c.o.d. orders are accepted. Also, the AC is available on the internet either at [http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/small\\_airplane\\_directorate\\_advisory.htm](http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/small_airplane_directorate_advisory.htm) or at [http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/air\\_index.htm](http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/air_index.htm), then click on "Advisory Circulars" in the left hand frame.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Pat Nininger, Standards Office, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, telephone (816) 329-4129, fax (816) 329-4090.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 28, 2002.

**David R. Showers,**

*Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Public Notice for a Change in Use of Aeronautical Property and Manchester Airport, Manchester, NH

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is requesting public comment on the City of Manchester, New Hampshire's request to change a portion (10.463 acres) of Airport property from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical use. The property is located at 80-84 Harvey Road (Tax Map 14, Lot 19-1) is currently vacant. The United States Army Reserve will use the property for storage of vehicles and heavy equipment. The property was acquired under FAA Project No. 9-27-0018-C605. In exchange for the subject property, the City of Manchester, New Hampshire will receive a parcel of land of equal value needed for Airport development

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 17, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents are available for review by appointment by contacting Mr. Richard Fixler, Assistant Airport Manager, Engineering & Planning at Manchester Airport, One Airport Road, Manchester, New Hampshire 03103, Telephone 603-624-6539 or Donna R.

Witte, Federal Aviation Administration, 16 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts, Telephone 781-238-7624.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donna R. Witte at the Federal Aviation Administration, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803, Telephone 781-238-7624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21) requires the FAA to provide an opportunity for public notice and comment to the "waiver" or "modification" of a sponsor's Federal obligation to use certain airport property for aeronautical purposes.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on September 4, 2002.

**Vincent A. Scarano,**

*Manager, Airports Divisions, New England Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Atlantic City International Airport, NJ**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for airport layout plan approval and Federal funding at Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has prepared and released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for improvement projects at Atlantic City International Airport. The DEIS addresses a proposal by the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) to construct the new or expanded facilities needed to continued operating the airport in a safe, efficient, and more productive manner. The airport is located in an ecologically sensitive area, and a variety of natural resources could be adversely affected if the proposed projects are implemented. Accordingly, the DEIS analyzes, evaluates, and discloses the potentially significant environmental impacts associated with reasonable alternatives, including the alternative of taking no action. The public is invited to comment on the DEIS during the 45-day comment period as well as to attend a public hearing, which will be schedule shortly.

**DATES:** Comments on the DEIS will be accepted for 45 days following the date that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**, which should be on or after September 16th, 2002; the comment due date would then be Monday, October 28th, 2002. However, the FAA will notify all parties on the project mailing list of the exact dates that comments will be accepted. Future notification regarding the public hearing date, expected in mid-October 2002, will be provided through public notices, local news media releases, and/or mailings. These notifications will be provided at least 15 days in advance of the public hearing and 30 days in advance of the deadline for submitting comments.

The FAA asks that comments on the DEIS be as specific as possible, including references to page numbers, chapters, or appendices. Comments that include suggested changes, sources, or methodologies are more helpful. Comments containing only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response; however, they will be considered and included as part of the decision-making process.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the DEIS should be sent to the FAA's Project Manager, Daisy Mather, Federal Aviation Administration, Eastern Region Airports Division, AEA-610, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434 (or alternatively by e-mail: [daisy.mather@faa.gov](mailto:daisy.mather@faa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SJTA has completed a master plan, an airport layout plan, and an environmental assessment (EA) for future development projects at Atlantic City International Airport (ACY). Based on the EA and the related agency comments, the FAA determined that the proposed improvements had the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the environment and that a DEIS should be prepared.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** [FR Doc. 00-24935]. Scoping meetings were held with the public as well as with regulatory agencies that were involved in the EA process. Scoping identified the following environmental impact categories as being significant issues or concerns; noise, secondary and induced impacts, air quality, water resources, biotic communities, threatened and endangered species, wetlands, hazardous waste, and cumulative effects.

The proposal involves four near-term development projects. The SJTA has

requested that FAA take environmental action on these projects' therefore, they are ripe for decision. They include terminal area development, auxiliary area development, hotel-conference center construction, and Runway 13-31 instrument landing system (ILS) upgrade. Because there are several environmental concerns associated with the proposed projects, certain mitigation measures have been incorporated early on in an effort to provide solutions to potential environmental impacts. The proposed mitigation projects include, but are not limited to, a mitigation and management plan for grassland habitat and a storm water management plan. For each of these near-term projects, the FAA's preferred alternative is identified, as is the environmentally-preferred alternative, which are the same for all but one project.

Major aspects of the terminal area development project are terminal building improvements and construction of new gates; construction of a public parking garage, rental car maintenance facility, airline cargo warehouses, general aviation hangars, and a deicing apron; and implementation of grassland mitigation and management projects and storm water best management practices. Five different locations on the airport were identified as candidate sites for terminal area development, but four of these were dismissed as being unreasonable because they failed to accomplish the project objectives, or they resulted in greater environmental harm, or both. Accordingly, two alternatives are evaluated in the DEIS: The Build Alternative and the No-Action Alternative.

The Build Alternative has the potential to benefit the airport and the local economy in terms of job creation and economic growth. Water resources would also benefit by implementing the storm water best management practices and by a having an engineered facility to control the runoff of deicing and anti-icing agents. However, the Build Alternative requires 58 acres of open space to be developed, resulting in a loss of 49 acres of grassland and nine acres of upland forest. Almost all of the affected grassland is classified as critical habitat for two state-listed threatened and endangered bird species—the upland sandpiper and the grasshopper sparrow. To compensate for the loss, the *Upland Sandpiper and Grasshopper Sparrow Mitigation and Management Plan* has been prepared, which demonstrates that sufficient suitable habitat could be created and managed in the northwest quadrant of the airport so that there would be no net loss in