

conditions contained in any license order accompanying the license, and subject to the licensee's compliance with 49 U.S.C. subtitle IX, ch.701 and this chapter. 14 CFR part 420.41(a) A license to operate a launch site authorizes a licensee to offer its launch site to a launch operator for each launch point for the type and any weight class of launch vehicle identified in the license application and upon which the licensing determination is based. 14 CFR part 420.41(b) Issuance of a license to operate a launch site does not relieve a licensee of its obligation to comply with any other laws or regulations; nor does it confer any proprietary, property, or exclusive right in the use of airspace or outer space. 14 CFR part 420.41(c) A license to operate a launch site remains in effect for five years from the date of issuance unless surrendered, suspended, or revoked before the expiration of the term and is renewable upon application by the licensee. 14 CFR part 420.43

OSIDA is a state agency created by the Oklahoma legislature in 1999 by Senate Bill 720. The agency is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The mission of the agency is to create an Oklahoma Spaceport, attract space industry to the State and encourage space-related technology in the state school system at all levels. OSIDA has broad authority legislated by the State to attract industry and develop a Spaceport for economic development. Facilities at the Spaceport may be improved, newly constructed using bond revenues, and leased to companies located on-site. A 168-square mile area including the current CSIA has been designated by the legislature as the Oklahoma Spaceport Territory. OSIDA has been given the ownership of the 2,700-acre CSIA.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to issue a launch site operator license to OSIDA for the CSIA or an alternative site. The launch site operator license is for the purpose of operating a facility in order to launch, reenter, land, or recover RLVs. In addition the proposed site may be available for static engine firings, launch vehicle manufacturing, and other testing and manufacturing activities. The operations will be conducted from a proposed site, which would include existing and newly constructed facilities and infrastructure. The function of the Spaceport will be to provide a facility to launch manned vehicles, satellites and other payloads into sub-orbital trajectories and eventually into prescribed orbits for commercial and government customers.

Under the Proposed Action, the FAA would issue a launch site operator license to OSIDA for the operation of a site to launch, land, and recover RLVs. Upon issuance of required FAA approvals, OSIDA would open the site to commercial operations. The first sub-orbital launch is proposed for 2006. Launch providers may use vehicles that have been addressed in the launch site operator license application, proposed to include RLVs launched vertically, horizontally, or from the air. These RLVs may land vertically or horizontally.

Alternative Sites

A number of airports in Southwestern Oklahoma are being considered as alternative locations for OSIDA's proposed facility. Included among the alternatives that could be considered are airport facilities in the towns of Sayre, Frederick, and Hobart. These facilities are being considered in part because of their relatively remote locations. The FAA will work with OSIDA to ensure that a reasonable range of alternatives is evaluated in the EIS.

Scoping Meetings

The EIS will assess environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action; reasonable alternatives including the No Action alternative; foreseeable future actions; and cumulative effects. Two public scoping meetings will be held to solicit input from the public on potential issues that may need to be evaluated in the EIS. The first public scoping meeting will be held on November 13, 2002, at 6 p.m., at the Western Technology Center located in Burns Flat, Oklahoma. The second public scoping meeting will be held on November 14, 2002, at 6 p.m., at the Metro Technology Center Springlake Campus located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The exact locations will be published in local newspapers as well as on the FAA/AST website (<http://ast.faa.gov/>), OSIDA website (<http://www.okspaceport.state.ok.us>) and the EIS public information website (<http://www.okspaceporteis.com>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public input and comments are solicited concerning the proposed action. Comments and questions concerning the public scoping process or the EIS process should be addressed to Mr. Douglas W. Graham, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Suite 331/AST-100, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; phone (202)

267-8568 or by e-mail at doug.graham@faa.gov.

Patricia G. Smith,

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 172: future Air-Ground Communications in the Very High Frequency (VHF) Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 172 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA, Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz).

DATES: The meeting will be held November 5-7, 2002 from 9 am to 5 pm each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at William J. Hughes Technical Center, Atlantic City Airport, ACB Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Column J267, Atlantic City, NJ

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtea.org>. (2) FAA Technical Center Contact; Mr. Andy Colon; telephone (609) 485-4348; e-mail andy.colon@tc.faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix (2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 172 meeting. The agenda will include:

- November 5
- Opening plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review of Agenda, Review Summary of previous meeting)
- Form Working Group (WG)-2—continue plan of action and development for DO-224B, VHF Digital Link Minimum Aviation system Performance Standard
- November 6
- Continue in WG-2
- Reconvene Plenary to:
 - Review Status of DO-271A, Minimum Operational Performance

Standards for Aircraft VDL Mode 3 Transceiver Operating in the Frequency Range 117.975–137.000 MHz, and DO–224A change 2, Signal-In-Space Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for Advanced VHF Digital Data Communications Including Compatibility with Digital Voice Techniques at the Program Management Council Meeting

- Review of Relevant International Activities
- EUROCAE WG–47 status and issues
- Others as appropriate

Closing Plenary Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

• November 7

• NEXCOM Demonstrations. For advance arrangements, contact the on-site representative.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on October 9, 2002.

Janice L. Peters,

FAA Special Assistant, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application 02–06–U–00–BLI To Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Bellingham International Airport, Submitted by the Port of Bellingham, Bellingham International Airport, Bellingham, WA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to use PFC revenue at Bellingham International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 158).

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

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Mr. J. Wade Bryant, Manager; Seattle Airports District Office, SEA–ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98055–4056.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Brian Henshaw, Aviation Analyst, at the following address: PO Box 1677, Bellingham, WA 98227.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to Bellingham International Airport, under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Suzanne Lee-Pang, (425) 227–2654, Seattle Airports District Office, SEA–ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98055–4056. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application 02–06–U–00–BLI to use PFC revenue at Bellingham International Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On October 10, 2002, the FAA determined that the application to use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Port of Bellingham, Bellingham International Airport, and Bellingham, Washington was submitted by Port of Bellingham, Bellingham International Airport, and Bellingham, Washington was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than January 18, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge effective date: January 1, 2000.

Proposed charge expiration date: June 1, 2003.

Total requested for use approval: \$1,200,000.

Brief description of proposed project: Terminal Rehabilitation and Expansion.

Class or classes of air carriers, which the public agency has requested not to be required to collect PFC's: Non-scheduled air taxi/commercial operators, utilizing aircraft having seating capacity of less than 20 passengers.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office

listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM–600, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 315, Renton, WA 98055–4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Bellingham International Airport.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 10, 2002.

David A. Field,

Manager, Planning, Programming and Capacity Branch, Northwest Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Year 2003 Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Appendix A of this Notice contains the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) comprehensive compilation of the Federal Fiscal Year 2003 certifications and assurances to be used in connection with all Federal assistance programs FTA administers during Federal Fiscal Year 2003, in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(n).

EFFECTIVE DATE: These certifications and assurances became effective on October 1, 2002, the first day of fiscal year 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FTA staff in the appropriate Regional Office listed below. For copies of other related documents, see the FTA Web Site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov> or contact FTA's Office of Public Affairs at (202) 366–4019.

Region 1: Boston

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