

airplanes to operate without meeting the requirements of SFAR-88.

[FR Doc. 02-27845 Filed 10-31-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-M

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport, Brownsville, TX

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 impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate copies to the FAA at the following address: Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Larry Brown, Acting Manager of Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport at the following address: Mr. Larry Brown, Acting Manager, Brownsville/South Padre International Airport, 700 S. Minnesota Avenue, Brownsville, TX 78521.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610, (817) 222-5613.

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 to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On October 25, 2002, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than February 20, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge effective date: May 1, 2003.

Proposed charge expiration date: June 1, 2008.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$1,421,192.

PFC application number: 03-02-C-BRO.

Brief description of proposed project(s):

Projects To Impose and Use PFC's

1. Acquire and Install Two Loading Bridges and an Aircraft Loading Walkway
2. Construct ARFF Facility and Acquire Two ARFF Vehicles
3. Acquire Security Access Control System with Finger Print Equipment
4. Conduct Planning Studies
5. Reconstruct Taxiway H
6. Reconstruct and Expand Terminal Apron
7. Rehabilitate Taxiways B, D and E Edge Lighting
8. Expand Cargo Apron
9. Seal Coat Taxiways B, D, E, E-1 and G
10. Drainage Improvements
11. Acquire Land
12. PFC Application and Administrative Fees

Proposed class or classes of air carriers to be exempted from collecting PFC's: None.

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, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice

and other documents germane to the application in person at Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 25, 2002.

William J. Flanagan,

Acting Manager, Airports Division.

[FR Doc. 02-27846 Filed 10-31-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-M

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Opportunity To Participate, Criteria Requirements and Change of Application Procedure for Participation in the Military Airport Program (MAP)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of criteria and application procedure for designation or redesignation, for the fiscal year 2003 MAP.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the criteria, application procedures and schedule to be applied by the Secretary of Transportation in designating or redesignating, and funding capital development annually for 15 current (joint-use) or former military airports seeking designation or redesignation to participate in the MAP. This Notice reflects and incorporates changes made to MAP in the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century.

The MAP allows the Secretary to designate current (joint-use) or former military airports for which grants may be made under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The Secretary is authorized to designate an airport (other than an airport so designated before August 24, 1994) if: (1) The airport is a former military installation closed or realigned under the Title 10 U.S.C. 2687 announcement of closures of large Department of Defense installations after September 30, 1977, or under section 201 or 2905 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Acts; or (2) the airport is a military installation with both military and civil aircraft operations. The Secretary shall consider for designation only those current or former military airports, at least partly converted to civilian airports as part of the national air transportation system, that will reduce delays at airports with more than 20,000 hours of annual delays in commercial passenger aircraft takeoffs and landings, or will enhance

airport and air traffic control system capacity in metropolitan areas or reduce current and projected flight delays (49 U.S.C. 47118(c)).

DATES: Airport sponsors should address written applications for new designation and redesignation in the MAP to the FAA Regional Airports Division or Airports District Office that serves the airport. That office of the FAA must receive applications on or before December 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit an original and two copies of Standard Form (SF) 424, "Application for Federal Assistance," prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/grants/index.html>, along with any supporting and justifying documentation. Applicant should specifically request to be considered for designation or redesignation to participate in the fiscal year 2003 MAP. Submission should be sent to the Regional FAA Airports Division or Airports District Office that serves the airport. Applicants may find the proper office on the FAA web site <http://www.faa.gov/arp/arp/home.htm> or may contact the office below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Murdock (oliver.murdock@faa.gov) or Leonard C. Sandelli (len.sandelli@faa.gov), Military Airport Program Branch (APP-420), Office of Airport Planning and Programming, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20591, (202) 267-8244, or (202) 267-8785, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Description of the Program

The MAP provides capital development assistance to civil airport sponsors of designated current (joint-use) military airfields or former military airports that are included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Airports designated under the program may obtain funds from a set-aside (currently four percent) of AIP discretionary funds to undertake eligible airport development, including certain types of projects not otherwise eligible for AIP assistance. Such airports may also be eligible to receive grants from other categories of AIP funding.

Number of Airports

A maximum of 15 airports per fiscal year may participate in the MAP at any time. There are 5 slots available for designation or redesignation in FY 2003. One airport may be designated as a general aviation airport.

Term of Designation

The maximum period of eligibility for any airport to participate in the MAP is five fiscal years following designation. An airport sponsor having previously been in the program may apply for redesignation and, if found to satisfy the designation criteria upon reapplication, may have the opportunity to participate for subsequent periods, each not to exceed five fiscal years. The FAA can designate airports for a period less than five years. The FAA will evaluate the conversion needs of the airport in its five-year capital development plan to determine the appropriate length of designation.

Redesignation

Title 49 of the United States Code 47118(d), permits previously designated airports to apply for redesignation. Applicants reapplying need to meet current eligibility criteria set forth at 49 U.S.C. 47118(a). Redesignation will be considered largely in terms of warranted projects fundable under AIP solely through the MAP, such as utility systems, surface parking, hangars, fuel farms, and air cargo terminals up to 50,000 square feet. The airport must have MAP eligible projects and the airport must continue to satisfy the designation criteria for the MAP. The FAA will carefully scrutinize applications for redesignation, since redesignation candidates tend to have lesser conversion needs than new candidates. The FAA desires that MAP airports graduate to regular AIP participation.

Eligible Projects

In addition to other eligible AIP projects, passenger terminal facilities, fuel farms, utility systems, surface automobile parking lots, hangars, and air cargo terminals up to 50,000 square feet of floor space are all eligible to be funded from the MAP. Designated or redesignated military airports can receive not more than \$7,000,000 each fiscal year for projects to construct, improve, or repair terminal building facilities. Also, designated or redesignated military airports can receive not more than a total of \$7,000,000 for MAP eligible projects that include hangars, cargo facilities, fuel farms, automobile surface parking, and utility work.

Designation Considerations

In making designations of new candidate airports, the Secretary of Transportation may only designate an airport (other than an airport so designated before August 24, 1994) if it

meets the following general requirements:

(I)(1) The airport is a former military installation closed or realigned under—

(A) Section 2687 of title 10;

(B) Section 201 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) (10 U.S.C. 2687 note); or

(C) Section 2905 of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note); or

(2) The airport is a military installation with both military and civil aircraft operations.

(II) The airport is classified as a commercial service or reliever airport in the NPIAS. One of the designated airports, if included in the NPIAS, may be a general aviation (GA) airport (public airport other than an air carrier airport, 14 CFR 152.3) that was a former military installation closed or realigned under BRAC, as amended, or 10 U.S.C. 2687 (49 U.S.C. 47118(g)). A general aviation airport must qualify under (1) above.

(III) In designating new candidate airports, the Secretary shall consider if a grant would:

(1) Reduce delays at an airport with more than 20,000 hours of annual delays in commercial passenger aircraft takeoffs and landings; or

(2) Enhance airport and air traffic control system capacity in a metropolitan area or reduce current and projected flight delays.

The application for new designations will be evaluated in terms of how the proposed airport and associated projects would contribute to congestion relief and/or how the airport would enhance air traffic or airport system capacity and provide adequate user services.

Project Evaluation

Recently approved Base Realignment and Closure Acts or Title 10 U.S.C. 2678 military airports as well as active military airfields with new joint use agreements will be in the greatest need of funding to convert to or to incorporate civil airport operations successfully. Newly converted airports and new joint-use locations frequently have minimal capital development resources and will therefore receive priority consideration for designation and MAP funding. The FAA will evaluate the need for eligible projects based upon information in the candidate airport's five year Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP). Of particular concern is whether these projects are related to development of that airport and/or the air traffic control system. It is the intent of the Secretary of Transportation to fund those airport

projects where the benefits to the capacity of the air traffic control or airport systems can be maximized, and/or where the contribution to reducing congestion can be maximized.

1. The FAA will evaluate the candidate airports and/or the airports such candidate airports would relieve based on the following specific factors:

- Compatibility of airport roles and the ability of the airport to provide an adequate airport facility;
- The capability of the candidate airport and its airside and landside complex to serve aircraft that otherwise must use the relieved airport;
- Landside surface access;
- Airport operational capability, including peak hour and annual capacities of the candidate airport;
- Potential of other metropolitan area airports to relieve the congested airport;
- Ability to satisfy, relieve or meet air cargo demand within the metropolitan area;
- Forecasted aircraft and passenger levels, type of commercial service anticipated, *i.e.*, scheduled and/or charter commercial service;
- Type and capacity of aircraft projected to serve the airport and level of operations at the relieved airport and the candidate airport;
- The potential for the candidate airport to be served by aircraft or users, including the airlines, serving the congested airport;
- Ability to replace an existing commercial service or reliever airport serving the area; and
- Any other documentation to support the FAA designation of the candidate airport.

2. The FAA will evaluate the development needs that, if funded, would make the airport a viable civil airport that will enhance system capacity or reduce delays. Newly closed installations or airport sponsors with new joint-use agreements with existing military aviation facilities will be strongly considered for designation since they tend to have the greatest conversion needs.

Application Procedures and Required Documentation

Airport sponsors applying for designation or redesignation must complete and submit an SF 424, "Application for Federal Assistance," and supporting documentation to the appropriate FAA office serving that airport. In Item 15a of the SF 424, the applicant must indicate the total amount of funding requested from the MAP during the entire term for which it is applying. The SF 424 must indicate whether it is an initial application or

reapplication for the MAP, and must be accompanied by the documentation and justification listed below:

(A) Identification as Current or Former Military Airport

The application must identify the airport as either a current or former military airport and indicate whether it was:

- (1) Closed or realigned under section 201 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Realignment and Closure Act, and/or section 2905 of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990 (Installations Approved for Closure by the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commissions), or
- (2) Closed or realigned pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2687 as excess property (bases announced for closure by DOD pursuant to this title after September 30, 1977 (this is the date of announcement for closure and not the date of the deed to the airport sponsor)), or
- (3) A military installation with both military and civil aircraft operations. The general aviation airport may be joint use but must qualify under (1) or (2) above.

(B) Qualifications for MAP

For (1) through (7) below the applicant does not need to resubmit any unchanged documentation that has been previously submitted to the Regional Airports Division or Airports District Office.

- (1) Documentation that the airport meets the definition of a "public airport" as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102(16).
- (2) Documentation indicating that the required environmental review process for civil reuse or joint-use of the military airfield has been completed. This environmental review need not include review of the individual projects to be funded by the MAP. Rather, the documentation should reflect that the environmental review necessary to convey the property, enter into a long-term lease, or sign a joint use agreement has been completed. The military department conveying or leasing the property, or entering into a joint use agreement, generally has the lead responsibility for this environmental review. The environmental review and approvals must indicate that the operator or owner of the airport has good title, satisfactory to the Secretary, or gives assurance that good title will be acquired, to meet AIP requirements.
- (3) In the case of a former military airport, documentation that the eligible airport sponsor holds or will hold satisfactory title, a long-term lease in

furtherance of conveyance of property for airport purposes, or a long-term interim lease for 25 years or more, to the property on which the civil airport is being located. Documentation that an application for surplus or BRAC airport property has been accepted by the Government is sufficient to indicate the eligible airport sponsor holds or will hold adequate title or a long-term lease.

(4) In the case of a current military airport documentation that the airport sponsor has an existing joint-use agreement with the military department having jurisdiction over the airport. This is necessary so the FAA can legally issue grants to the sponsor. In (3) and (4) above, the airport must possess the necessary property rights in order to accept a grant for its proposed projects during FY 2003.

(5) Documentation that the airport is classified as a "commercial service airport" or a "reliever airport" as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102(7) and 47102(18), unless it is applying for the general aviation slot.

(6) Documentation that the airport owner is an eligible airport "sponsor" as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102(19).

(7) Documentation that the airport has an approved airport layout plan (ALP) and a five-year Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) indicating all eligible grant projects proposed to be funded either from the MAP or other portions of the AIP.

(8) Information identifying the existing and potential levels of visual or instrument operations and aeronautical activity at the current or former military airport and, if applicable, the relieved airport. Also, if applicable, information on how the airport contributes to air traffic system or airport system capacity. If served by commercial air carriers, the revenue passenger and cargo levels should be provided.

(9) A description of the airport's projected civil role and development needs for transitioning from use as a military airfield to a civil airport, including how development projects would serve to reduce delays at an airport with more than 20,000 hours of annual delays by commercial passenger aircraft takeoffs and landings or enhance capacity in a metropolitan area.

(10) A description of the existing airspace capacity. Describe how anticipated new operations would affect the surrounding airspace and air traffic flow patterns in the metropolitan area in or near which a current or former military airport is located. Include a discussion of the level to which operations at this airport create airspace conflicts that may cause congestion or

whether air traffic works into the flow of other air traffic in the area.

(11) A description of the airport's five-year ACIP, including a discussion of major projects, their priorities, projected schedule for project accomplishment, and estimated costs. The ACIP must specifically identify the safety, capacity and conversion related projects, associated costs, and projected five-year schedule of project construction, including those requested for consideration for MAP funding.

(12) A description of those projects that are consistent with the role of the airport and effectively contribute to the joint use or conversion of the airfield to a civil airport. The projects can be related to various improvement categories depending on what is needed to convert from military to civil airport use, to meet required civil airport standards, and/or to provide capacity to the airport and/or airport system. The projects selected; *i.e.*, safety-related, conversion-related, and/or capacity-related, must be identified and fully explained based on the airport's planned use. Those projects that may be eligible under MAP, if needed for conversion or capacity-related purposes, must be clearly indicated, and include the following information:

Airside

- Modification of airport or military airfield for safety purposes, including airport pavement modifications (*i.e.* widening), marking, lighting, strengthening, drainage or modifying other structures or features in the airport environs to meet civil standards for airport imaginary surfaces as described in 14 CFR part 77.
- Construction of facilities or support facilities such as passenger terminal gates, aprons for passenger terminals, taxiways to new terminal facilities, aircraft parking, and cargo facilities to accommodate civil use.
- Modification of airport or military utilities (electrical distribution systems, communications lines, water, sewer, storm drainage) to meet civil standards. Also, modifications that allow utilities on the civil airport to operate independently, where other portions of the base are conveyed to entities other than the airport sponsor or retained by the Government.
- Purchase, rehabilitation, or modification of airport and airport support facilities and equipment, including snow removal, aircraft rescue, fire fighting buildings and equipment, airport security, lighting vaults, and reconfiguration or relocation of eligible buildings for more efficient civil airport operations.

- Modification of airport or military airfield fuel systems and fuel farms to accommodate civil aviation use.

- Acquisition of additional land for runway protection zones, other approach protection, or airport development.

- Cargo facility requirements.
- Modifications which will permit the airfield to accommodate general aviation users.

Landside

- Construction of surface parking areas and access roads to accommodate automobiles in the airport terminal and air cargo areas and provide an adequate level of access to the airport.

- Construction or relocation of access roads to provide efficient and convenient movement of vehicular traffic to, on, and from the airport, including access to passenger, air cargo, fixed base operations, and aircraft maintenance areas.

- Modification or construction of facilities such as passenger terminals, surface automobile parking lots, hangars, air cargo terminal buildings, and access roads to cargo facilities to accommodate civil use.

(13) An evaluation of the ability of surface transportation facilities (road, rail, high-speed rail, maritime) to provide intermodal connections.

(14) A description of the type and level of aviation and community interest in the civil use of a current or former military airport.

(15) One copy of the FAA-approved ALP for each copy of the application. The ALP or supporting information should clearly show capacity and conversion related projects. Also, other information such as project costs, schedule, project justification, other maps and drawings showing the project locations, and any other supporting documentation that would make the application easier to understand should be included. These maps and ALP's should be cross-referenced with the project costs and project descriptions.

Redesignation of Airports Previously Designated and Applying for up to an Additional Five Years in the Program

Airports applying for redesignation to the Military Airport Program should submit the same information required by new candidate airports applying for a new designation. On the SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance, prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, airports must indicate their application is for redesignation to the MAP. In addition to the above information, they must explain:

(1) Why a redesignation and additional MAP eligible project funding is needed to accomplish the conversion to meet the civil role of the airport and the preferred time period for redesignation;

(2) Why funding of eligible work under other categories of AIP or other sources of funding would not accomplish the development needs of the airport;

(3) Why, based on the previously funded MAP projects, the projects and/or funding level were insufficient to accomplish the airport conversion needs and development goals; and

(4) The term of the redesignation, not to exceed five years, for which the airport is applying.

This notice is issued pursuant to Title 49 U.S.C. 47118.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 24, 2002.

Benito De Leon,

Deputy Director, Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

[FR Doc. 02-27726 Filed 10-31-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34262]

Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad Co.

Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC (IIDC), a Class III carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 6.2 miles of rail line from Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad Co. (CSS). The rail line extends approximately from 115th Street in Chicago, IL (milepost 0.0) to the Illinois-Indiana state line in Burnham, IL, opposite Hammond, IN (milepost 6.2). IIDC certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after October 9, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34263, *Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad Co.—Operation Exemption—Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC*, wherein CSS has concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption to conduct