

environment, "grand corruption" in the political arena and the tendency of elites to engage in "state capture." Source: World Bank Institute.

Encouraging Economic Freedom

(1) *Country Credit Rating*: A semi-annual survey of bankers' and fund managers' perceptions of a country's risk of default. Source: Institutional Investor Magazine.

(2) *Inflation*: The most recent 12 month change in consumer prices as reported in the IMF's International Financial Statistics or in another public forum by the relevant national monetary authorities. Source: Multiple.

(3) *Fiscal Policy*: The overall budget deficit divided by GDP, averaged over a three-year period. The data for this measure is being provided directly by the recipient government and will be cross checked with other sources and made publicly available to try to ensure consistency across countries. Source: National Governments.

(4) *Days To Start a Business*: The Private Sector Advisory Service of the World Bank Group works with local lawyers and other professionals to examine specific regulations that impact business investment. One of their studies measures how many days it takes to open a new business. Source: World Bank.

(5) *Trade Policy*: A measure of a country's openness to international trade based on average tariff rates and non-tariff barriers to trade. Source: The Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom.

(6) *Regulatory Quality Rating*: An index of surveys that rates countries on: the burden of regulations on business, price controls, the government's role in the economy, foreign investment regulation and many other areas. Source: World Bank Institute.

Investing in People

(1) *Public Expenditure on Health*: Total expenditures by government at all levels on health divided by GDP. Source: National Governments.

(2) *Immunization*: The average of DPT3 and measles immunization rates for the most recent year available. Source: The World Health Organization WHO.

(3) *Total Public Expenditure on Primary Education*: Total expenditures by government at all levels on primary education divided by GDP. Source: National Governments.

(4) *Primary Completion Rate*: The number of students completing primary education divided by the population in the relevant age cohort. Source: World Bank and UNESCO.

Dated: March 2, 2004.

Alan Larson,

Interim Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Surplus Property Release at the Gadsden Municipal Airport, Gadsden, AL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on land release request.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. 47153(c), notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the City of Gadsden to waive the requirement that a 15-acre parcel of surplus property, located at the Gadsden Municipal Airport, be used for aeronautical purposes.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Jackson Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Suite B, Jackson, MS 39208-2307.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to the City of Gadsden, Gadsden, Alabama at the following address: City of Gadsden, Post Office Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keafur Grimes, Program Manager, Jackson Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Suite B, Jackson, MS 39208-2307, (601) 664-9886. The land release request may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is reviewing a request by the City of Gadsden to release 15 acres of surplus property at the Gadsden Municipal Airport. The property will be purchased by NARMCO, which is a manufacturing facility. The net proceeds from the sale of this property will be used for airport purposes.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the request, notice and other documents germane to the request in person at the City of Gadsden,

City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Room 302, Gadsden, Alabama.

Issued in Jackson, Mississippi, on February 24, 2004.

Rans D. Black,

Manager, Jackson Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of the currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on August 11, 2003, pages 47628-47629.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 5, 2004. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Certification and Operations: Federal Aviation Regulations Part 125.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0085.

Form(s): NA.

Affected Public: A total of 163 air carriers and commercial operators.

Abstract: Part A of subtitle VII of the revised title 49 United States Code authorizes the issuance of regulations governing the use of navigable airspace. 14 CFR part 125 will prescribe requirements for leased aircraft, Aviation Service Firms, and Air Travel Clubs. Information shows compliance and the applicant's eligibility.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 61,388 hours annually.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and

Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FAA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 27, 2004.

Judith D. Street,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice: Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority for the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program that was submitted for the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport under part 150 in conjunction with the noise exposure map, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before August 24, 2004.

DATES: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps and of the start of its review of the associated noise compatibility program is February 26, 2004. The public comment period ends April 26, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Schuller, Jackson Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Suite B, Jackson, MS 39208-2307,

telephone (601) 664-9883. Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective February 26, 2004. Further, FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for that airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before August 24, 2004. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

Under 49 U.S.C., section 47503 (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority submitted to the FAA originally on January 24, 2002, and in current form on September 25, 2003, noise exposure maps, descriptions and other documentation that were produced during the Airport Noise Compatibility Study Update of 2001 through 2003. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the noise exposure maps, as described in section 47503 of the Act, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program under section 47504 of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority. The

specific documentation determined to constitute the noise exposure maps includes: current and forecast NEM graphics, plus all other narrative, graphic, or tabular representations of the data required by section A150.101 of part 150, and sections 47503 and 47506 of the Act, more specifically considered by FAA to be Chapters 1 through 8 of the Airport Noise Compatibility Study Update submitted to FAA on September 25, 2003. The FAA has determined that these maps for the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on February 26, 2004. FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in appendix A of FAR part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or constitute a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, also effective on February 26, 2004. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to