DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration


AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Washington, DC 20591. Comments must be received by August 23, 2004.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Washington, DC 20591. Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Ms. Darla Gibson, (202) 267-8564, or via e-mail at: darla.gibson@faa.gov.

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, 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 will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

How To Obtain Copies

You may get a copy of the proposed TSO from the Internet at: http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsopro/Proposed.htm. See section entitled FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT for complete address. For proposals received on the proposed TSO from the Internet at: http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsopro/Proposed.htm. See section entitled FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT for complete address.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Cooperative Procurement Pilot Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for proposals.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the establishment of a new Cooperative Procurement Pilot Program (CPPP) and solicits proposals for consideration. Section 166 of the Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 directs the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to establish a pilot program to determine the benefits of encouraging cooperative procurement of major capital equipment. As specified in the Appropriations Act, the program shall consist of three pilot projects. Under the CPPP, competitively selected grantees, consortia of grantees, or members of the private sector acting as agents of grantees will develop cooperative specifications and conduct joint procurements. For this program, Congress has raised the Federal share to be provided from 80 percent to 90 percent.

DATES: Proposals (2 copies) and/or comments must be received by August 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Proposals and/or comments should be submitted to Rita Daguillard, Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation, Federal Transit Administration, (202) 366-4052, or e-mail: Rita.Daguillard@fta.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Federal Transit Program

The Federal Transit Administration provides grants to State and local government agencies to support public transportation in communities across America. A major portion of these funds is used to purchase major capital equipment (e.g., buses, vans, railcars) used in providing public transit service. FTA’s annual budget exceeds $7 billion, of which more than $3 billion is distributed by formula to more than 1,000 grantees nationwide. On average, FTA funds more than half of the bus purchases in any given year in the United States.