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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 202: Portable Electronic Devices

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 2002 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 202: Portable Electronic Devices.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 12-14, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036-5133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036-5133; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

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 202 meeting. The agenda will include:

- April 12:
 - Working Groups 1 through 4 meet all day.
- April 13-14:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review Agency, Review/Approve previous Common Plenary Summary, Review Open Action Items).
 - Update from CEA PEDs Working Group.
 - Update from Regulatory Agencies (FAA, UK-CAA, Canadian TSB or other members present).
 - Update from EUROCAE Working Group 58.
 - Recommendations on common document with EUROCAE Working Group WG-58.
 - Phase 2 work statement, committee structure, work plan, and schedule—Do we need to set up focus groups on certification of aircraft recommendations, FCC cellphone prohibition assessment, and/or on FCC emissions mask recommendations.

- FCC Overview of processes and regulations.

- Overview of process and schedule milestones for FCC regulations revisions including update/status of FCC NPRM Docket O. WT 04-435 "Cellular Telephones on Airborne Aircraft".

- Overview of CFR 47 15.521 "Technical Requirements applicable to all UWB devices".

- UWB Technology overview.

- Regulatory aspects pertaining to UWB devices.

- Technical characterization of UWB devices.

- GSM mobile phone technology demonstration and tutorial.

- Phase 2 work—Break-out sessions for working groups.

- Working Groups report out/each working group will cover the following topics:

- Changes in WG Leadership.

- Significant issues with or changes to Phase 2 work plan.

- Revisions or clarifications to the SC-202 Terms of Reference (TOR).

- Future meetings and teleconference plans.

- Issues requiring plenary decisions.

- Working Group 1 (PEDs characterization, test, and evaluation).

- Working Group 2 (Aircraft test and analysis).

- Working Group 3 (Aircraft systems susceptibility).

- Working Group 4 (Risk assessment, practical application, and final documentation).

- Human Factors sub-group.

- RF-ID Tags for Phase 2 work by John Dimtroff FAA Seattle ACO.

- Closing Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Closing Remarks, Adjourn).

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Broad Agency Announcement 2005-1, Funds Availability for Demonstration Projects and Technology Advancements Under the Next Generation High-Speed Rail Program

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability: Broad agency announcement (BAA) for research projects and technology advancements under the Next Generation High-Speed Rail Program.

Purpose and Scope

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is soliciting proposal concept papers for various demonstration projects and technology advancements which have the potential to advance the deployment of high-speed rail service in the United States. Emphasis is on technologies which would permit cost-effective upgrading and use of existing infrastructure.

Technologies most likely to help facilitate the deployment of high-speed rail service are those which will (a) bring about cost reductions in constructing and maintaining equipment, track, and facilities; (b) reduce operating costs by providing more efficient operations; (c) improve the reliability of equipment and infrastructure components by reducing failures and/or reducing false failure detections; (d) improve safety by reducing human and technology failures; (e) enhance revenue-generating capability by attracting greater ridership through reducing trip times, upgrading customer service quality, increasing reliability, or improving on-time performance; or (f) enhance the social benefits or environmental aspects of higher speed rail.

Eligible Participants

Any responsible source may submit a proposal concept paper for consideration, including, but not limited to, state or local governments, or organizations of state or local governments, universities or institutions of higher education, hospitals, non-profit organizations, private individuals, corporations, businesses or commercial organizations, except that any business owned in whole or in part by the Federal Government is not eligible. Although businesses owned in whole or in part by the Federal Government are not eligible for funding under the Program, they may contract with eligible

participants. Cooperative arrangements (e.g., joint ventures, limited partnerships, teaming arrangements, or collaboration and consortium arrangements) are permitted and encouraged.

Small, Small Disadvantaged (SD), and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Concerns, and Veteran-Owned (VO) and Woman-Owned (WO), and Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Small Business Concerns, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Minority Institutions (MIs) are encouraged to submit proposal concept papers on their own and/or in collaboration with others. However, no portion of this BAA will be set aside or reserved exclusively for these types of organizations.

BAA Time Period

This BAA will be open from the date of posting through December 30, 2005. The FRA will accept proposal concept papers as of the posting date. Unless BAA 2005-1 is superseded or canceled, FRA will continue to accept concept submissions and inquiries through December 30, 2005. Although the BAA is open for an extended period, interested parties would be well advised to submit proposals as early as possible. Reviews will be conducted continuously on receipt of concept papers.

Source for BAA Documents

The BAA 2005-1 package may be downloaded or printed from the following Internet address: <http://www.fra.dot.gov/>, and then through the choices of Passenger Rail (from upper left home page menu), Financial Assistance (on the drop down menu), Funding for High Speed Rail (center of Financial Assistance page), Rail Demonstration Funding Opportunities, Broad Agency Announcement. The FRA does not intend to make the BAA 2005-1 Package available in paper copy.

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Mark Yachmetz,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2005 20683]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel SEA BISCUIT.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383 and Public Law 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2005-20683 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2005 20683. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is

available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830, Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone (202) 366-0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SEA BISCUIT is: *Intended Use:* "Coastal charters." *Geographic Region:* "West Coast of the United States, which includes California, Washington and Oregon."

Dated: March 16, 2005.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2005 20685]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel KNOT A PROBLEM.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383 and Public Law 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2005-20685 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state