

individual or team. At the option of the Secretary, the Department will pay for invitational travel expenses to Washington, DC for up to four representatives of the winning team to present their project to Department officials and receive the award from the Secretary.

#### Basis Upon Which the Winner Will Be Selected

All submissions will be initially reviewed by the FAA Centers for Excellence Program Director upon receipt to determine if the submissions meet the eligibility requirements. Registration packages meeting the eligibility requirements will be judged by advisory panels consisting of academic experts, government officials including FAA, the Department, and representatives of the private sector. The advisory panels will select the most highly qualified submissions and present them to the Secretary of the Department, who will select the winning entrant.

Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

#### Technical Merit

- Has the submission presented a clear understanding of the associated problems?
- Has the submission developed a logical and workable solution and approach to solving the problem/s?
  - What are the most significant aspects of this concept?
  - Has the submission clearly demonstrated the breadth of impact of the innovation?

#### Originality

- Is this concept new or a variation of an existing idea, and in what way(s)?
- How is this work unique?
- Was the concept developed independently or in cooperation with others?

#### Impact

- To what extent will this project make a significant impact and/or contribution to the future of the aviation and aerospace environment?

#### Practicality

- Who directly benefits from this work?
- Can this program or activity be implemented in a practical fashion?
  - What are the costs anticipated to be incurred and saved by executing this concept?

#### Measurability

- How has this individual/group measured the impact on the aviation environment?

- To what extent does the innovation result in measurable improvements?

#### Applicability

- Can this effort be scaled?
- Is this work specific to one region, various regions, or to the entire nation?

All factors are important and will be given consideration, but the advisory panels will give the “technical merit” factor the most weight in the screening process. The Secretary retains sole discretion to select the winning entrant.

**Additional Information:** Federal grantees may not use Federal funds to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications.

Federal contractors may not use Federal funds from a contract to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications or to fund efforts in support of a COMPETES Act challenge submission.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 3719 (America COMPETES Act).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2013-06]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public’s awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA’s regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before March 20, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2013-0058 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy:** We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

**Docket:** To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keira Jones (202) 267-4024, or Tyneka Thomas (202) 267-7626, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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#### Petition for Exemption

**Docket No.:** FAA-2013-0058.

**Petitioner:** Southwest Airlines.

**Section of 14 CFR Affected:** 14 CFR 121.467(b)(13).

**Description of Relief Sought:** Southwest requests approval to relieve each flight attendant engaged in air transportation from all further duty for at least 24 consecutive hours during “any 168 consecutive hour period” in lieu of “any 7 consecutive calendar days.”

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