

Analysis and Management, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Lisa M. Farrell, US Department of State, Office of Risk Analysis and Management, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520; who may be reached on 202-647-6020 or at FARRELLM1@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Risk Analysis and Management.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0204.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management (A/LM).
- *Form Number:* DS-4184.
- *Respondents:* Potential Contractors and Grantees.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 850.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 850.
- *Average Time per Response:* 75 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 1008 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The information collected from individuals and organizations is specifically used to

conduct screening to ensure that State funded activities do not provide support to entities or individuals deemed to be a risk to national security.

Methodology: The State Department has implemented a Risk Analysis and Management Program to vet potential contractors and grantees seeking funding from the Department of State to mitigate the risk that such funds might benefit entities or individuals who present a national security risk. To conduct this vetting program the Department collects information from contractors, sub-contractors, grantees and sub-grantees regarding their directors, officers and/or key employees through mail, fax or electronic submission. The Department published a 30-day notice on April 23, 2015 (80 FR 22764). The Department is publishing this additional notice to announce our intent to collect additional information from former civilian government and military officials of the current Syria regime. Concerns have been raised regarding the possibility of the United States Government inadvertently funding individuals guilty of human rights abuses. The questions we plan to add to the information collection are necessary to help identify the activities and former affiliations of these individuals. The information collected is compared to information gathered from commercial, public, and U.S. government databases to determine the risk that the applying organization, entity or individual might use Department funds or programs in a way that presents a threat to national security. This program will continue as a pilot program as directed by Congress in the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2015 (Div. J, Pub. L. 113-235).

Dated: July 17, 2015.

Catherine I. Ebert-Gray,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Release of Airport Property at Upper Cumberland Regional Airport, Sparta, Tennessee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration is requesting public

comment on a request by the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport, Sparta, TN, to release land at the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport. The request consists of approximately 10.3 acres of property non-contiguous to the airport located on Breeding Swamp Road approximately 3 miles southeast of the airport and 36.84 acres of property non-contiguous to the airport on Franks Ferry Road approximately 13 miles southwest of the airport. This release will allow the property to be sold to serve as wetland mitigation for a projects unrelated to the airport. This action is taken under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Documents are available for review at the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport, 750 Airport Road, Sparta, TN 38583; and the FAA Memphis Airports District Office, 2600 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Suite 2250, Memphis, TN 38118-2482. Written comments on the Sponsor's request must be delivered or mailed to: Mr. Phillip J. Braden, Manager, Memphis Airports District Office, 2600 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Suite 2250, Memphis, TN 38118-2482. Mr. Braden can be contacted at telephone number 901-322-8181.

In addition, a copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Jason Baker, Airport Manager at Upper Cumberland Regional Airport, 750 Airport Road, Sparta, TN 38583. Mr. Baker can be contacted at 931-739-7000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael L. Thompson, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Memphis Airports District Office, 2600, Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Suite 2250, Memphis, TN 38118-2482. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location, by appointment. Mr. Thompson can be contacted at 901-322-8188.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the request to release airport property at the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport, Sparta, TN under the provisions of AIR 21(49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2)).

On July 28, 2015, the FAA determined that the request to release property at Upper Cumberland Regional Airport meets the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA may approve the request, in

whole or in part, no later September 3, 2015.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Upper Cumberland Regional Airport is proposing the release of two tracts of property consisting of 10.33 acres and 36.84 acres to allow the property to be used as wetland mitigation for projects in the area unrelated to the airport. These properties are non-contiguous to the airport and located on Breeding Swamp Road approximately 3 miles southeast of the airport and Franks Ferry Road approximately 13 miles southwest of the airport.

Any person may inspect, by appointment, the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Memphis, TN on July 28, 2015.

Phillip J. Braden,

Manager, Memphis Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2015-2836]

Guidance on the Procedures and Process To Petition the Secretary Under the Airport and Airways Improvement Act

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing guidance on the procedures and process to petition the Secretary under 49 U.S.C. 47106(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Airport and Airways Improvement Act of 1982, as amended. Although this provision has been in effect since 1992, the FAA did not receive the first petition under this provision until 2010. This guidance is intended to provide detail and clarity about who may petition the Secretary, when such a petition may be filed, how the petition may be made, and the procedures and process to petition the Secretary under this Section of the Airport and Airways Improvement Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 5, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2015-2836 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations 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.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

Privacy: The FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information the commenter provides. Using the search function of the docket Web site, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any FAA docket, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations 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: Ms. Daphne Fuller, Assistant Chief Counsel. Mailing address: Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-3199. Email address: Daphne.Fuller@faa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FAA requests comments, suggestions and recommendations that will assist the agency in assessing and understanding the potential effects and implications of providing guidance on the procedures for and process of the right to petition the Secretary under 49 U.S.C. Section 47106(c)(1)(A)(ii).

I. Background

In 1982, Congress enacted the Airport and Airway Improvement Act (AAIA) (Pub. L. 97-248). Relevant portions of the AAIA are codified in 49 U.S.C. Chapter 471, Subchapter I, Airport Improvement. The AAIA, among other items, established the current-day Airport Improvement Program (AIP) that is administered by the FAA's Office of

Airports. Through the AIP, the FAA provides grants to public agencies — and, in limited cases, to private airport owners and operators—for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The current AIP program built on earlier grant programs that are funded through a variety of user fees and fuel taxes. For more information on the history of the AIP and predecessor grant programs, see <http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/>.

The AAIA also provides certain prerequisites and conditions that an airport sponsor must meet in order to be eligible for consideration of AIP funding. In 1992, Congress amended various provisions of the AAIA with the Airport and Airway Safety, Capacity, Noise Improvement, and Intermodal Transportation Act, Pub. L. 102-581. Section 113(b), Public Access and Participation with Respect to Airport Projects, amended Section 509(b)(6)(A) of the AAIA (49 U.S.C. 47106(c)(1)(A)) by inserting the following:

(ii) the sponsor of the project certifies to the Secretary that the airport management board either has voting representation from the communities where the project is located or has advised the communities that they have the right to petition the Secretary concerning a proposed project.

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation has delegated the responsibility to respond to a petition under Section 47106 to the Administrator of the FAA, 49 CFR 1.83(a)(9). The Administrator has further delegated the authority to administer this provision to the Associate Administrator for the Office of Airports (ARP-1). Order 1100.154A.¹ The requirement for a sponsor to provide such certification to the FAA is incorporated into FAA Order 5050.4B, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions, par. 1203.

II. Purpose

After receiving a small number of submissions under this provision, the Associate Administrator for the Office of Airports has determined it would be helpful and appropriate to provide the public with more guidance on the procedures and processes associated with this provision:

The Secretary may approve an application under this subchapter for an airport development project involving the location of an airport or runway or a major runway extension only if the sponsor certifies to the Secretary that the airport management board

¹ For clarity, this guidance will continue to use the term "Secretary" in this context.