

issued for manufacturers that do not fully meet the technical requirements. This “nationwide waiver” would allow equipment to be used on airport projects without having to receive separate project waivers. Having a nationwide waiver allows projects to start quickly without have to wait for the Buyer American analysis to be completed for every project.

Items that have been granted a “nationwide waiver” can be found on the FAA Web site at: [http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/buy\\_american/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/buy_american/).

Issued in Washington, DC, December 1, 2016.

**Frank J. San Martin,**

*Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No: FAA-2005-22842]

#### Notice of Opportunity To Participate: Criteria and Application Procedures for Participation in the Military Airport Program (MAP)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of criteria and application procedures.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the criteria, application procedures, and schedule to be applied by the Secretary of Transportation in designating or redesignating a maximum of 15 current joint-use or former military airports (at any one time), seeking a designation or redesignation to participate in the MAP for the purposes of capital development funding assistance.

**DATES:** Applications must be received on or before February 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit a signed original of Standard Form (SF) 424, “Application for Federal Assistance,” prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, available at <http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/> along with all supporting and justifying documentation required by this notice. Applicant must specifically request to be considered for designation or redesignation to participate in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 MAP. Submission(s) should be sent to the Regional FAA Airports Division or Airports District Office that serves the airport. Applicants may find the proper office on the FAA Web site <http://www.faa.gov/airports/>

[news\\_information/contact\\_info/regional/](#) or may contact the office below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jonathan DiMartino ([Jonathan.DiMartino@faa.gov](mailto:Jonathan.DiMartino@faa.gov)), Airports Financial Assistance Division (APP-500), Office of Airport Planning and Programming, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, (202) 267-8744.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### General Description of the Program

The MAP provides capital development assistance to civil airport sponsors of designated current joint-use military airfields or former military airports that are included in the FAA’s National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Airports designated to the MAP may be able to receive grant funds from a set-aside (currently four percent of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) discretionary funds) for airport development, including certain projects not otherwise eligible for AIP assistance. These airports are also eligible to receive grants from other categories of AIP funding.

The Secretary considers for designation only current joint-use or former military airports that meet the criteria set forth under “Designation Considerations,” below.

##### Number of Airports

A maximum of 15 airports per fiscal year may participate in the MAP, of which three may be General Aviation (GA) airports. There are twelve slots available in FY 2017. Of the twelve slots available, there are two GA slots available in FY 2017.

##### Term of Designation

The maximum term is five fiscal years following designation. The FAA can designate airports for a period of less than five years. The FAA will evaluate the conversion needs of the airport in its capital development plan to determine the appropriate length of designation.

##### Redesignation

Previously designated airports may apply for redesignation to an additional term or terms that may not exceed five years per each. Those airports must meet current eligibility requirements outlined in 49 U.S.C. 47118(a) at the beginning of each grant period. The FAA will evaluate applications for redesignation primarily in terms of justified projects specifically fundable only under the MAP as redesignees generally tend to have fewer conversion

needs than new candidates. The FAA’s goal is to graduate MAP airports to regular AIP participation by successfully converting these airports to civilian airport operations.

##### Eligible Projects

In addition to eligible AIP projects, the MAP can fund fuel farms, utility systems, surface automobile parking lots, hangars, and air cargo terminals up to 50,000 square feet. A designated or redesignated military airport can receive not more than \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year to construct, improve, or repair terminal building facilities. In addition, a designated or redesignated military airport can receive not more than \$7,000,000 each fiscal year for MAP eligible projects including hangars, cargo facilities, fuel farms, automobile surface parking, or utility work.

##### Designation Considerations

The MAP allows the Secretary of Transportation to designate current joint-use or former military airports (other than an airport so designated before August 24, 1994) to receive grants from the AIP if they meet the following general requirements:

(1) The airport is a former military installation closed or realigned under:

(a) Section 2687 of title 10 (announcement of closures of large Department of Defense installations after September 30, 1977);

(b) Section 201 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act (BRAC) (10 U.S.C. 2687 note); or

(c) Section 2905 of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note); or

(2) The airport is a military installation with both military and civil aircraft operations; and

(3) The airport is classified as a commercial service or reliever airport in the NPIAS. (See 49 U.S.C. 47105(b)(2)).

In addition, three of the designated airports, if included in the NPIAS, may be GA airports that were former military installations closed or realigned under BRAC, as amended, or 10 U.S.C. 2687. (See 49 U.S.C. 47118(g)). Therefore, a GA airport can only qualify under (1) above. “General aviation airport” means a public airport that is located in a State that, as determined by the Secretary: (A) does not have scheduled service; or (B) has scheduled service with fewer than 2,500 passenger boardings per year.

In designating new candidate airports, the Secretary shall consider if a grant will:

(1) Reduce delays at an airport with more than 20,000 hours of annual

delays in commercial passenger aircraft takeoffs and landings; or

(2) Enhance airport and air traffic control system capacity in a metropolitan area or reduce current and projected flight delays.

The application for new designations will be evaluated in terms of how the proposed projects will contribute to reducing delays and/or how the airport will enhance air traffic or airport system capacity and provide adequate user services.

### Project Evaluation

Recently realigned or closed military airports, as well as active military airfields with new joint-use agreements, generally have the greatest need of funding assistance for conversion to or incorporation of civil airport operations. Newly converted airports and new joint-use locations frequently have minimal capital development resources and will therefore receive priority consideration for designation and MAP funding. The FAA will evaluate the need for eligible projects based upon information in the candidate airport's five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

(1) The FAA will evaluate candidate airports and any reliever role that they may perform for nearby airports based on the following specific factors:

- Compatibility of airport roles and the ability of the airport to provide an adequate airport facility;
  - The capability of the candidate airport and its airside and landside complex to serve aircraft that otherwise must use a congested airport;
    - Landside surface access;
    - Airport operational capability, including peak hour and annual capacities of the candidate airport;
    - Potential of other metropolitan area airports to relieve the congested airport;
      - Ability to satisfy, relieve, or meet air cargo demand within the metropolitan area;
      - Forecasted aircraft and passenger levels, type of commercial service anticipated, *i.e.* scheduled or chartered commercial service;
      - Type and capacity of aircraft projected to serve the airport and level of operations at the congested airport and the candidate airport;
      - The potential for the candidate airport to be served by aircraft or users, including the airlines, serving the congested airport;
        - Ability to replace an existing commercial service or reliever airport serving the area; and
        - Any other documentation to support the FAA designation of the candidate airport.

(2) The FAA will evaluate the extent to which development needs funded through the MAP will make the airport a viable civilian airport that will enhance system capacity or reduce delays.

### Application Procedures and Required Documentation

Airport sponsors applying for designation or redesignation must complete and submit an SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance, and provide supporting documentation to the appropriate FAA Airports regional or district office serving that airport. Sponsors may obtain this fillable form at <http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/>.

Applicants must fill out this form completely, including the following:

- Mark Item 1, Type of Submission as a "pre-application" and indicate it is for "construction".
- Mark item 8, Type of Application as "new", and in "other", fill in "Military Airport Program".
- Fill in Item 11, Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project. "Designation (or redesignation) to the Military Airport Program".
- Under Item 15a, Estimated Funding, indicate the total amount of funding requested from the MAP during the entire term for which you are applying.

### Supporting Documentation

A. Identification as a Current or Former Military Airport. The application must identify the airport as either a current or former military airport and indicate whether it was:

(1) Closed or realigned under Section 201 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act, and/or Section 2905 of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Installations Approved for Closure by the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commissions), or

(2) Closed or realigned pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2687 as excess property (bases announced for closure by Department of Defense (DOD) pursuant to this title after September 30, 1977 (this is the date of announcement for closure)), or

(3) A military installation with both military and civil aircraft operations. A general aviation airport applying for the MAP may be joint-use but must also qualify under (1) or (2) above.

B. Qualifications for MAP. Submit documents for (1) through (8) below:

(1) Documentation that the airport meets the definition of a "public airport" as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 47102(20).

(2) Documentation indicating the required environmental review for civil

reuse or joint-use of the military airfield has been completed. This environmental review need not include review of the individual projects to be funded by the MAP. Rather, the documentation must reflect that the environmental review necessary to convey the property, enter into a long-term lease, or finalize a joint-use agreement has been completed. The military department conveying or leasing the property, or entering into a joint-use agreement, has the lead responsibility for this environmental review. To meet AIP requirements, the environmental reviews and approvals must indicate that the operator or owner of the airport has good title that is satisfactory to the Secretary or assures, to the FAA's satisfaction, that good title will be acquired.

(3) For a former military airport, documentation that the eligible airport sponsor holds or will hold satisfactory title, a long-term lease in furtherance of conveyance of property for airport purposes, or a long-term interim lease for 25 years or longer to the property on which the civil airport is being located. Documentation that an application for surplus or BRAC airport property has been accepted by the Federal Government is sufficient to indicate the eligible airport sponsor holds or will hold satisfactory title or a long-term lease.

(4) For a current military airport, documentation that the airport sponsor has an existing joint-use agreement with the military department having jurisdiction over the airport. For all first time applicants, a copy of the existing joint-use agreement must be submitted with the application. This is necessary so the FAA can legally issue grants to the sponsor. Here and in (3) directly above, the airport must possess the necessary property rights in order to accept a grant for its proposed projects during FY 2016.

(5) Documentation that the airport is classified as a "commercial service airport" or a "reliever airport" as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102(7) and 47102(23).

(6) Documentation that the airport owner is an eligible airport "sponsor," as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102(26).

(7) Documentation that the airport has a five-year CIP indicating all eligible grant projects requested to be funded either from the MAP or other portions of the AIP and an FAA approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP).

(8) For commercial service airports, a business/marketing plan or equivalent must be submitted with the application. For relievers or general aviation

airports, other planning documents may be submitted.

C. Evaluation Factors. Submit information on the items below to assist in the FAA's evaluation:

(1) Information identifying the existing and potential levels of visual or instrument operations and aeronautical activity at the current or former military airport and, if applicable, the congested airport. Also, if applicable, information on how the airport contributes to the air traffic system or airport system capacity. If served by commercial air carriers, the revenue passenger and cargo levels must be provided.

(2) A description of the airport's projected civil role and development needs for transitioning from use as a military airfield to a civil airport. Include how development projects would serve to reduce delays at an airport with more than 20,000 hours of annual delays in commercial passenger aircraft takeoffs and landings; or enhance capacity in a metropolitan area or reduce current and projected flight delays.

(3) A description of the existing airspace capacity. Describe how anticipated new operations would affect the surrounding airspace and air traffic flow patterns in the metropolitan area in or near the airport. Include a discussion of whether operations at this airport create airspace conflicts that may cause congestion or whether air traffic works into the flow of other air traffic in the area.

(4) A description of the airport's five-year CIP, including a discussion of major projects, their priorities, projected schedule for project accomplishment, and estimated costs. The CIP must specifically identify the safety, capacity, and conversion related projects, associated costs, and projected five-year schedule of project construction, including those requested for consideration for MAP funding.

(5) A description of those projects that are consistent with the role of the airport and effectively contribute to the joint-use or conversion of the airfield to a civil airport. The projects can be related to various improvement categories depending on what is needed to convert from military to civil airport use, to meet required civil airport standards, and/or to provide capacity to the airport and/or airport system. The projects selected (*e.g.*, safety-related, conversion-related, and/or capacity-related) must be identified and fully explained based on the airport's planned use. Those projects that may be eligible under MAP, if needed for conversion or capacity-related purposes,

must be clearly indicated and include the following information:

#### *Airside*

- Modification of airport or military airfield for safety purposes, including airport pavement modifications, marking, lighting, strengthening, drainage or modifying other structures or features in the airport environs to meet civil standards for approach, departure and other protected airport surfaces as described in 14 CFR part 77 or standards set forth in FAA Advisory Circular 150/5300-13.
- Construction of facilities or support facilities, such as passenger terminal gates, aprons for passenger terminals, taxiways to new terminal facilities, aircraft parking, and cargo facilities to accommodate civil use.
- Modification of airport or military utilities (electrical distribution systems, communications lines, water, sewer, storm drainage) to meet civil standards. Also, modifications that allow utilities on the civil airport to operate independently, where other portions of the base are conveyed to entities other than the airport sponsor or retained by the Government.
- Purchase, rehabilitation, or modification of airport and airport support facilities and equipment, including snow removal, aircraft rescue, firefighting buildings and equipment, airport security, lighting vaults, and reconfiguration or relocation of eligible buildings for more efficient civil airport operations.
- Modification of airport or military airfield fuel systems and fuel farms to accommodate civil aviation use.
- Acquisition of additional land for runway protection zones, other approach protection, or airport development.
- Cargo facility requirements.
- Modifications which will permit the airfield to accommodate general aviation users.

#### *Landside*

- Construction of surface parking areas and access roads to accommodate automobiles in the airport terminal and air cargo areas and provide an adequate level of access to the airport.
- Construction or relocation of access roads to provide efficient and convenient movement of vehicular traffic to, on, and from the airport, including access to passenger, air cargo, fixed base operations, and aircraft maintenance areas.
- Modification or construction of facilities such as passenger terminals, surface automobile parking lots, hangars, air cargo terminal buildings,

and access roads to cargo facilities to accommodate civil use.

(6) An evaluation of the ability of surface transportation facilities (*e.g.*, road, rail, high-speed rail, and/or maritime) to provide intermodal connections.

(7) A description of the type and level of aviation and community interest in the civil use of a current or former military airport.

(8) One copy of the FAA-approved ALP for each copy of the application. The ALP or supporting information must clearly show capacity and conversion related projects. Other information such as project costs, schedule, project justification, other maps and drawings showing the project locations, and any other supporting documentation that would make the application easier to understand should also be included. You may also provide photos, which would further describe the airport, projects, and otherwise clarify certain aspects of this application. These maps and ALPs should be cross-referenced with the project costs and project descriptions.

#### **Redesignation of Airports Previously Designated and Applying for up to an Additional Five Years in the Program**

Airports applying for redesignation to the MAP must submit the same information required by new candidate airports applying for a new designation. On the SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance, prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, airports must indicate their application is for redesignation to the MAP. In addition to the information required for new candidates, airports requesting redesignation must also explain:

(1) Why a redesignation and additional MAP eligible project funding is needed to accomplish the conversion to meet the civilian role of the airport and the preferred time period for redesignation (not to exceed five years);

(2) Why funding of eligible work under other categories of AIP or other sources of funding would not accomplish the development needs of the airport; and

(3) Why, based on the previously funded MAP projects, the projects and/or funding levels were insufficient to accomplish the airport conversion needs and development goals.

In addition to the information requested above, airports applying for redesignation must provide a reanalysis of their original business/marketing plans (for example, a plan previously funded by the Office of Economic Adjustment or the original Master Plan

for the airport) and prepare a report. If there is not an existing business/marketing plan a business/marketing plan or strategy must be developed. The report must contain:

- (1) Whether the original business/marketing plan is still appropriate;
- (2) Is the airport continuing to work towards the goals established in the business/marketing plan;
- (3) Discuss how the MAP projects contained in the application contribute to the goals of the sponsor and their plans; and
- (4) If the business/marketing plan no longer applies to the current goals of the airport, how has the airport altered the business/marketing plan to establish a new direction for the facility and how do the projects contained in the MAP application aid in the completion of the new direction and goals and by what date does the sponsor anticipate graduating from the MAP.

This notice is issued pursuant to Title 49 U.S.C. 47118.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 14, 2016.

**Elliott Black,**

*Director, Office of Airport Planning and Programming.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2016 0121]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel BLOOMS; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2016-0121. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140,

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel BLOOMS is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "6 or less passengers for hire".

*Geographic Region:* Florida.

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2016-0121 at <http://www.regulations.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 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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.

#### Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: November 28, 2016.

**Gabriel Chavez,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0051]

#### Request for Comments on a New Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on April 29, 2016 (Volume 81, Number 83, pages 25759-25760).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 6, 2017.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margaret Petrella, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, U.S. Department of Transportation, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142, 617-494-3582. Her email address is [margaret.petrella@dot.gov](mailto:margaret.petrella@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:*

*Title:* Using Automated License Plate Readers for Traffic Safety Purposes.

*Type of Request:* Regular—New Information Collection.

*Respondents:* The information collection will interview law enforcement agency personnel from 12 agencies in the United States that use automated license plate readers for traffic safety purposes.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* The estimated number of respondents for this information collection is 24 personnel. While there will be interview requests of approximately 48 personnel (4 personnel from each of 12 law enforcement agencies), the expected participation rate is 50%.

*Annual Time per Response:* We estimate that it will take 40 minutes per respondent to complete each interview. This includes any time required to retrieve information.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 32 hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time only.

*Abstract:* NHTSA's interest in the state and practice of using ALPR for traffic safety purposes is in support of its mission, which is to save lives,