

Development Corporation (SCEDC) to be used for future economic development.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Memphis Airports District Office, Attn: Koty Brown, Program Manager, 2600 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Suite 2250, Memphis, TN 38118.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Joanne Gentry, Executive Director for Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission at the following address: 16701 Airport Road, Maxton, NC 28364.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Koty Brown, 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the request to release property for non-aeronautical purposes at Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, Maxton, NC under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2). The FAA determined that the request to release property at Laurinburg-Maxton Airport (MEB) submitted by the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission on behalf of the City of Laurinburg and the Town of Maxton meets the procedural requirements of the FAA and the release of the property does not and will not impact future aviation needs at the airport. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no sooner than thirty days after the publication of this notice.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission on behalf of the City of Laurinburg and the Town of Maxton is proposing the release of approximately 10.66 acres to Scotland County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) to be used for future economic development. This property is located along SR 1434 Airport Road in Scotland County, NC. The property is separated from the majority of airport property by SR 1434 Airport Road. The proposed use of this property is compatible with airport operations.

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 November 3, 2017.

Tommy L. Dupree,

Acting Manager, Memphis Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Federal Railroad Administration

Fiscal Year 2017 Positive Train Control Grant Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announce the selection of projects for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Positive Train Control (PTC) Grant Program. A total of \$197.01 million in the PTC grant funding, authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, will be provided to 17 projects in 13 states. On July 29, 2016, FTA and FRA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing the availability of Federal funding for the PTC Grant Program. These funds will provide financial assistance to states, local governments, and public agencies for the implementation of positive train control systems to improve safety. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Recipients selected for competitive funding in Table 1 should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of FTA's Regional Offices can be found at www.fta.dot.gov. For questions regarding PTC technology or statutory and regulatory requirements, please contact Mr. Devin Rouse, Program Manager, Federal Railroad Administration (phone: (202) 493-6185, email: devin.rouse@dot.gov). A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the NOFO, FTA and FRA received 27 proposals from 16 states requesting \$455 million in Federal funds, indicating significant demand for funding to expedite the implementation

of PTC systems. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responses to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO.

FTA is funding the 17 projects shown in Table 1 for a total of \$197.01 million. Recipients selected for competitive funding should work with their FTA Regional Office to submit a grant application in FTA's transit award management system (TrAMS) for the projects identified in the attached table to quickly obligate funds. As funds must be obligated by September 30, 2018, all grant applications must be submitted to FTA by June 30, 2018. Grant applications must include the eligible activities applied for in the original project application. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible capital purposes established in the NOFO.

In cases where the award amount is less than the proposer's total requested amount, recipients must submit grant applications to fund the scalable project option as described in the project's application. If the award amount does not correspond to the scalable option, for example due to a cap on the award amount, the recipient should work with the FTA Regional Office to reduce scope or scale the project so that a complete phase or project is accomplished. Recipients are reminded that program requirements such as cost sharing or local match can be found in the NOFO. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TrAMS application.

On October 16, 2008, Congress enacted the Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA), which required Class 1 railroad main lines and commuter railroad passenger service to fully implement positive train control by December 31, 2015. In the Positive Train Control Enforcement and Implementation Act of 2015, Congress extended the deadline for implementing positive train control to December 31, 2018. FTA will streamline the grant application process to help commuter railroads meet the approaching deadline. FTA is providing pre-award authority and will reimburse eligible project costs on successful projects consistent with the selected project proposals. The eligibility for reimbursement using pre-award authority is contingent upon the project meeting other Federal requirements, such as environmental requirements, prior to costs being incurred. FTA is not applying its regulation, 49 CFR part 633 Project Management Oversight to this program. Furthermore, FTA waives the requirement that projects be listed in the

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Department of Labor (DOL) certification is also not required. The above waivers are only applicable to funds awarded in this notice.

Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal financial report and milestone progress reports in TrAMS as appropriate (see FTA Circular 5010.1E, Award

Management Requirements). Unless specifically waived, recipients must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant, including FTA's Buy America requirements.

Recipients must follow all third-party procurement guidance as described in

FTA Circular 4220.1F Third Party Contracting Guidance.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of November 2017.

K. Jane Williams,

Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

Heath Hall,

Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration.

TABLE 1—FISCAL YEAR 2017 POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL PROJECT SELECTIONS

| State | Recipient | Project ID | Project description | Grant amount |
|----------|--|----------------------|--|--------------|
| CA | Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB). | D2017-PTCP-014 | This project will dual equip seven Caltrain trains with Incremental Train Control System (ITCS) and Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) to provide service for approximately 32 miles from south of San Jose to Gilroy, CA on Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) territory. | \$21,680,000 |
| CA | Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA). | D2017-PTCP-015 | This project will develop, test, and deploy tools and processes to improve the reliability, efficiency, and security of SCRRA's Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) PTC with an upgrade from a non-vital to a vital overlay system across 249 miles in the greater Los Angeles region of Southern California. | 3,200,000 |
| FL | South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). | D2017-PTCP-006 | This project will complete the installation of the established Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) PTC technology consisting of wayside interface units, near side station controls, base radio stations, a back office server, on-board PTC kits, and a crew training simulator on the South Florida Rail Corridor. | 31,633,176 |
| FL | Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). | D2017-PTCP-007 | This project will implement the Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) computer-aided dispatch system, track database, and communication network, along 110 miles of the Central Florida Rail Corridor. | 1,841,153 |
| IL | Commuter Rail Division of the RTA (Metra). | D2017-PTCP-008 | This project comprises three subprojects that include the installation of wayside PTC signals, reconfiguration of signals, and upgrade of existing PTC Automatic Block Signaling systems on Metra's Milwaukee District West and North lines in Illinois. | 20,168,000 |
| IL | Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). | D2017-PTCP-009 | This project will complete the design, delivery, installation, testing, and certification of a fully integrated Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) PTC on two contractual routes for Amtrak's use that comprise 14.7 route miles of Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA) right-of-way into and out of St. Louis, Missouri. | 18,869,888 |
| MA | Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). | D2017-PTCP-001 | This project will include the installation of a back office system for PTC that consists of an existing Cab Signaling System (CSS) with Automatic Train Control (ATC) supplemented by the addition of the latest revision to the Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System II (ACSES II) for the MBTA. | 7,815,963 |
| MD | Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). | D2017-PTCP-004 | This project includes installing Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) PTC within the Northeast Corridor along MARC's tracks, and equipping 11 MARC 2A cab cars with I-ETMS. The work will be on the Penn Line between Washington, D.C. Union Station and the northern limits of MARC service at Perryville, MD, a total distance of approximately 77 directional miles. | 9,440,000 |
| MO | Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). | D2017-PTCP-012 | This project will design, deliver, install, test, and certify a fully integrated and functional Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) PTC over approximately 8.5 route miles of Kansas City Terminal Railway right-of-way where Amtrak operates in the Kansas City metropolitan region of Missouri. | 12,024,877 |
| NJ | New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit). | D2017-PTCP-002 | This project will implement New Jersey Transit's PTC Phase III, which involves the purchase of onboard equipment kits, along with the installation, testing, and commissioning of the equipment on a total of 440 locomotives, electric mobile units, and cab cars. | 10,000,000 |
| NM | Rio Metro Regional Transit District (Rio Metro). | D2017-PTCP-010 | This project will include the installation of the Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) PTC onboard technology on nine locomotives. | 3,600,000 |

TABLE 1—FISCAL YEAR 2017 POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL PROJECT SELECTIONS—Continued

| State | Recipient | Project ID | Project description | Grant amount |
|----------|---|----------------------|--|---------------|
| NY | New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). | D2017-PTCP-003 | This project will implement Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System (ACSES) PTC on the Amtrak controlled section of the Empire Corridor Hudson Line, a Federally Designated High Speed Rail Corridor, which spans multiple jurisdictions along its 94 miles from Poughkeepsie to Hoffmans, New York. | 33,749,974 |
| OR | Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). | D2017-PTCP-016 | This project will install and test PTC equipment on two Talgo Series 8 trainsets owned by ODOT and operated by Amtrak for the regional Amtrak Cascades intercity passenger rail service connecting Eugene, Oregon to Vancouver, British Columbia. | 1,200,000 |
| OR | Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet). | D2017-PTCP-017 | This project will implement two PTC safety modifications on the 15 mile long Westside Express (WES) commuter rail corridor from Wilsonville to Beaverton, Oregon. The first modification is designed to positively stop a train in advance of a malfunctioning grade crossing, and the second modification will stop a train prior to a work zone or limit speed throughout the work zone. | 2,704,000 |
| PA | Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). | D2017-PTCP-005 | This project will install the Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System (ACSES II) PTC System along a 3-mile portion of restored Regional Rail service from Elwyn to Wawa, Pennsylvania, and deploy an onboard survey map software that contains the physical characteristics of the railroad that dictate train operating speeds throughout SEPTA's rail network. | 5,800,000 |
| TX | Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro). | D2017-PTCP-011 | This project will install the PTC fiber backbone for an Enhanced Automatic Train Control (E-ATC) PTC system on Capital Metro's approximately 33 miles of its commuter rail territory in Austin, TX. | 9,762,969 |
| UT | Utah Transit Authority (UTA). | D2017-PTCP-013 | This project involves the design and testing of a two-step No-Code Proceed system to assure the safe operation of UTA's FrontRunner Enhanced Automated Train Control (E-ATC) PTC on its two mainline track segments from Provo to Ogden and Ogden to Pleasant View, Utah. | 3,520,000 |
| Total .. | | | | \$197,010,000 |

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0179]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel DOS HOMBRES; 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 December 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2017-0179.

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 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel DOS HOMBRES is: —*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Scuba Dive Charters and Sport Fishing Charters”

—*Geographic Region:* “Florida”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2017-0179 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

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in