The proposal should demonstrate the ability to execute a technical assistance project with a national and local scope, as well as strategies for delivering targeted outreach to state, regional, and local stakeholders. Proposing organizations are encouraged to think innovatively about this technical assistance delivery.

The proposal should also demonstrate the ability to carry out outreach, dissemination and information management activities. These activities will include capturing and sharing useful and best practices in crime prevention and public safety. The proposal should demonstrate innovative approaches, such as the use of social media and other information technologies, to accomplish this strategy.

4. Research and Demonstration Capacity. The proposal should demonstrate the applicant’s capability and capacity (either internally or through external sources) to conduct research, analysis, and demonstration projects related to crime prevention, human trafficking, operator assault, and rider safety.

5. Management Approach. The proposal must include an effective management plan to administer and manage the Crime Prevention and Public Safety Awareness project and must demonstrate that the applicant has the technical capacity to carry out the plan. FTA will evaluate the applicant’s:
   a. Technical capacity to administer and manage the activities proposed;
   b. Total budget and staffing;
   c. Evidence of understanding of the Crime Prevention and Public Safety Awareness project objective and a comprehensive technical approach to delivering the project;
   d. Plan for evaluation and data collection; and,
   e. A plan for coordinating with FTA staff.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

(1) Federal Award Notices

Final award decisions will be made by the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration. In making these decisions, the Administrator will take into consideration:
   a. Recommendations of the review panel;
   b. Past performance of the applicant regarding programmatic and grants management compliance;
   c. Whether the project is located in or supports public transportation service in a qualified opportunity zone designated pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 1400Z–1;
   d. The reasonableness of the estimated cost to the Federal Government considering the available funding and anticipated results; and
   e. The likelihood that the proposed project will result in the transportation outcomes expected.

FTA will notify any successful applicant and may announce any selection on its website https://www.transit.dot.gov. Following notification, a successful applicant will be required to submit its application through the FTA Transit Award Management System (TrAMS). The FTA will work with the successful applicant to develop a detailed cooperative agreement. The FTA will award and manage a cooperative agreement through TrAMS.

(2) Award Administration

a. Grant Requirements: A successful applicant will apply for a cooperative agreement through TrAMS and adhere to the customary FTA grant requirements of Section 5314, Technical Assistance and Workforce Development. There is no pre-award authority for this project. Discretionary grants and cooperative agreements greater than $500,000 will go through the Congressional notification and release process. Assistance regarding these requirements is available from FTA.

b. Standard Assurances: The applicant assures that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal administrative requirements in carrying out any project supported by the FTA grant. The applicant acknowledges that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement issued for its project with FTA. The applicant understands that Federal laws, regulations, policies, and administrative practices might be modified from time to time and that modifications may affect the implementation of the project. The applicant agrees that the most recent Federal requirements will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise. The applicant must submit the Certifications and Assurances before receiving a cooperative agreement if it does not have current certifications on file.

(3) Reporting

Post-award reporting requirements include submission of Federal Financial Reports and Milestone Progress Reports in TrAMS on a monthly or quarterly basis, as determined by the FTA Project Manager. Documentation is required for payment. The Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires data entry at the FFATA Sub Award Reporting System (http://www.FSRS.gov) for all sub-awards and sub-contracts issued for $30,000 or more, as well as addressing executive compensation for both grantee and sub-award organizations.

Additionally, FTA is required to report to Congress every year on the value of Section 5314 investments. Applicants will be required to provide details indicating the need, problem, or opportunity addressed by activities of the program. The national significance and relevance to the public transportation industry must also be clearly detailed.

(4) Legal Capacity

Applicants must certify that there are no legal issues which would impact their eligibility and authority to apply for FTA funds, or prevent their acceptance of FTA funds.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts

For questions about applying, please contact Dakisha Spratling, at Federal Transit Administration, Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, phone: (202) 366–2530, or email, FTAPublicSafety@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1–800–877–8339 (TDD/FRS). To ensure that applicants receive accurate information about eligibility or the program, applicants are encouraged to contact FTA directly with questions, rather than through intermediaries or third parties.

The FTA staff may also conduct briefings on the competitive grants selection and award process upon request.

K. Jane Williams,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Solicitation of nominations for appointment to the SOCAC.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Secretary of Transportation is publishing this notice to solicit nominations for membership on the Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC).
DATES: Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 19, 2019.

ADDRESS: Nominations must be submitted electronically (by Email) to Karen Lucke at Karen.Lucke@faa.gov. The subject line should state “SOCAC Nomination.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Lucke, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (312) 520–3195; email Karen.Lucke@faa.gov.

Background

This Committee’s charter is established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and Section 202, “Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee,” of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–254). The Committee provides information and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator and fosters industry collaboration in an open and transparent manner.

The advisory committee shall consult with, and ensure participation by the private sector, including representatives of: (1) General aviation; (2) commercial aviation; (3) aviation labor; (4) aviation manufacturers and operators; (5) aviation safety management experts; aviation safety engineers; general aviation operators; air carriers; business aviation operators; unmanned aircraft systems designers and operators; aviation safety management experts; aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul; (6) uncrewed aircraft systems operators and manufacturers; (7) commercial space transportation industry; and (8) members of the public; and other interested parties.

Description of Duties

The SOCAC’s duties shall include recommending consensus national goals, strategic objectives, and priorities for the most efficient, streamlined, and cost-effective certification and safety oversight processes in order to maintain the safety of the aviation system and, at the same time, allow the FAA to meet future needs and ensure that aviation stakeholders remain competitive in the global marketplace. Other duties shall include providing policy guidance recommendations for the FAA’s certification and safety oversight efforts; providing appropriate legislative, regulatory, and guidance recommendations for the air transportation system and the aviation safety regulatory environment; and recommending performance metrics and goals to track and review the FAA and the regulated aviation industry on their progress towards streamlining certification reform, conducting flight standards reform, and carrying out regulation consistency efforts.

As directed in Public Law 115–254, the SOCAC will terminate on the last day of the 6-year period beginning on the date of the initial appointment of members of the advisory committee. Additional duties are described in the SOCAC Charter.

Membership

The SOCAC shall comprise members appointed by the Secretary of Transportation upon recommendation by the FAA Administrator. All SOCAC members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Transportation. The SOCAC will have no more than 20 members. The SOCAC shall comprise the Administrator (or the Administrator’s designee) and at least 11 individuals, each of whom represents at least one of the following interests: Transport aircraft and engine manufacturers; general aviation aircraft and engine manufacturers; avionics and equipment manufacturers; aviation labor organizations, including collective bargaining representatives of FAA aviation safety inspectors and aviation safety engineers; general aviation operators; air carriers; business aviation operators; unmanned aircraft systems manufacturers and operators; aviation safety management experts; aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul; and airport owners and operators. Members are appointed for a 2-year term. Each voting member will be an executive officer of the organization who has decision-making authority within the member’s organization and can represent the interest of the organization, and enter into commitments on behalf of such organization. The SOCAC will have the ability to obtain necessary information from experts in the aviation and aerospace communities. The SOCAC shall have a membership size that enables the advisory committee to have substantive discussions and reach consensus on issues in a timely manner. Also, the SOCAC will have the appropriate expertise, including expertise in certification and risk-based safety oversight processes, operations, policy, technology, labor relations, training, and finance. Members serve without compensation. The employing organization bears all costs related to its members’ participation. The Secretary shall appoint non-voting members representing FAA safety oversight program offices. Non-voting members may take part in deliberations of the advisory committee and provide input with respect to any final reports or recommendations of the Advisory Committee. Nonvoting members may not represent any stakeholder interest other than that of an FAA safety oversight program office. Non-voting members are appointed for a 2-year term.

Nomination Process

The Secretary is seeking individual nominations for membership to the SOCAC. Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the SOCAC. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include, in full, the following materials to be considered for SOCAC membership. Failure to submit the required information may disqualify a candidate from the review process.

a. A biography
b. A résumé or curriculum vitae
c. A one-page statement describing how the candidate will benefit the SOCAC, taking into account current membership and the candidate’s unique perspective that will advance the conversation. This statement must also identify a primary and secondary interest to which the candidate’s expertise best aligns.

Finally, candidates should state their previous experience on a Federal advisory committee and/or Aviation Rulemaking Committee (if any), their level of knowledge in their above stakeholder groups, and the size of their constituency they represent or are able to reach.

Evaluations will be based on the materials submitted.

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Elaine L. Chao,
Secretary.

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