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#### **Petitions for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2004-17909.

*Petitioner:* The Boeing Company.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* § 25.301, 25.303, 25.305, 25.901(c).

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit a time limited exemption from the affected regulations as they relate to the structural strength, deformation and failure of the thrust reverser inner wall panels under certain refused takeoff (RTO) conditions for Boeing Model 777 airplanes equipped with Pratt & Whitney, General Electric, or Rolls Royce engines.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **User Input to the Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA will hold an informal public meeting to seek input from a specific, focused group of aviation weather users. Details: June 16, 2004; 1575 "I" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The objective

of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for a specific group of aviation weather users to provide input on FAA's plans for implementing new weather products.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held at 1575 "I" Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20005; Times: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 16, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debi Bacon, Aerospace Weather Policy Division, ARS-100, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number (202) 385-7705; Fax: (202) 385-7701; email: [debi.bacon@faa.gov](mailto:debi.bacon@faa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **History**

In 1999, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established an Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board to manage the orderly transfer of weather capabilities and products from research and development (R&D) into operational use. The board is composed of mid-level managers from FAA and National Weather Service (NWS) and meet semi-annually or as needed. The Board is responsible to determine the readiness of weather R&D products for experimental use, full operational use for meteorologists or full operational use for end users. The board's determinations are based upon criteria such as users needs, costs and benefits, risks, product readiness and budget.

FAA has the sole responsibility and authority to make decisions intended to provide a safe, secure, and efficient U.S. national airspace system. However, it behooves FAA to make decisions in a vacuum. Therefore, FAA seeks input from the user community at quarterly meetings before decisions are finalized. Two such meetings were held in January and April 2004.

At the quarterly meetings, industry users are invited to provide input for development of concepts of use (ConUse) for individual aviation weather products approaching specific AWTT board decision points. Meetings are announced in the **Federal Register** and open to all interested parties.

This meeting is an additional user input meeting intended to acquire input for an aviation weather roadmap from three specific user groups: Airline pilots, airline dispatchers and weather information providers to commercial airline users. All interested users in other categories may attend and observe, however only certain, focus information will be sought from the three specific groups.

#### **Meeting Procedures**

(a) The meeting will be informal in nature and will be conducted by representatives of the FAA Headquarters.

(b) The meeting will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a meeting site with sufficient seating capacity for the expected participation. There will be neither admission fee nor other charge to attend and participate.

(c) Attendees must present themselves to the security guard at the Society for Association Executives, 1575 "I" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Attendees will be directed to the FAA offices on the 8th floor where they will adhere to security instructions (including presenting of picture identification cards) and directed to the 9th floor conference room.

(d) FAA personnel will lead a session intended to refine an aviation weather roadmap. Comments from the specific user groups will be used to complete and/or verify a decision-making matrix regarding specific types of weather phenomena. Comments/Feedback on the proposed documents will be captured through discussion between FAA personnel and those focused users attending the meeting.

(e) FAA will not take any action items from this meeting nor make any commitments to accept specific user suggestions. The meeting will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape recordings may be made of the presentations to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(f) An official verbatim transcript or minutes of the informal meeting will not be made. However, a list of the attendees and a completed matrices will be produced. Any person attending may receive a copy of the written information upon request to the information contact, above.

(g) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear each person's feedback consistent with a reasonable closing time for the meeting. Written feedback is also solicited and may be submitted to FAA personnel for the period June 17-30, 2004.

#### **Agenda**

(a) Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures.

(b) Review of AWTT user input process.

(c) Focused Input Session.

(d) Closing Comments.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA Special Committee 193/ EUROCAE Working Group 44: Terrain and Airport Databases

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAS is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44: Terrain and Airport Databases.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held June 7-10, 2004 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at ICAO, 999 University Street, Montreal, PQ, Canada, H3C 5H7.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** (1) RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>. (2) Mr. Aleksandar Pavlovic; telephone (514) 954-8162.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting. The agenda will include:

- June 7:
- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting)
- Discussion
- Presentations
  - Jens Schiefele—Updates on changes to DO-272/ED-98, DO-276/ED-99, ED-119/DO-XXX
- Report on RTCA PMC meeting discussion on Document
- Report on EUROCAE Council discussion on Document
- Subgroup 5 (Update to SC-193/WG-44 Documents)
  - Discussion of Committee Plans
  - Establish priorities of working revision items
  - Begin recording changes to documents

- Determine if need for subgroups
- Begin recording changes to documents
- June 8:
- Continue Subgroup 5:
  - Update to SC-193/WG-44
- June 9:
- Continue in Subgroup 5:
  - Update to SC-193/WG-44
- June 10:
- Closing Plenary Session (Summary of Subgroup 5, Assign Tasks, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Robert Zoldos,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Funds Availability and Request for Comment To Assist in the Development and Implementation of a Procedure for Fair Competitive Bidding by Amtrak and Non-Amtrak Operators of State-Supported Intercity Passenger Rail Routes

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period and due date for Statements of Interest.

**SUMMARY:** On April 13, 2004, FRA published a Notice of Funds Availability and Request for Comment in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 19612) soliciting comments from interested parties on how the Secretary of Transportation, working with affected States, could develop and implement a procedure for fair competitive bidding by Amtrak and non-Amtrak operators for State-supported intercity passenger rail routes. FRA also encouraged interested States to submit a Statement of Interest in receiving a grant to support an initiative leading to a fair

and open competitive selection of an operator to provide passenger rail service over a specific intercity route that receives or will receive State financial support. Responses to the notice were due on or before May 28, 2004. In order to provide interested applicants with additional time to submit Statements of Interest or comments, FRA has decided to extend the due date for these submissions until June 28, 2004. All of the other requirements included in the original Notice of Funds Availability and Request for Comment remain unchanged.

**DATES:** All submissions of Statements of Interest and comments must be received in FRA's offices by close of business Monday, June 28, 2004. As described in the original notice, the deadline for the submission of applications will be noted in the solicitation from FRA to prospective grantees as a result of the evaluation of the Statements of Interest.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants and/or commenters must submit an original and six (6) copies to the FRA at one of the following addresses:

*Postal address (note correct zip code):*

Federal Railroad Administration,  
Attention: Alex Chavrid, Chief,  
Passenger Programs Division (RDV-11), Mail Stop #20, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20590.

*FedEx/courier address (note correct zip code):*

Federal Railroad Administration, Attention: Alex Chavrid, Chief, Passenger Programs Division, (RDV-11), Room #773, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Due to delays caused by enhanced screening of mail delivered via the U.S. Postal Service, applicants are encouraged to use other means to assure timely receipt of materials.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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