

Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation for the purposes of encouraging and supporting cooperation between the United States and Spain. Proposals submitted will undergo peer review by both countries and will be approved or disapproved by the Joint Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shauntia Hart Rodney, Program Officer, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State—Tel # (202) 647-2245, Fax # (202) 647-2746, or The Commission for Cultural Educational and Scientific Exchange between the United States of America and Spain, Paseo Gral. Martinez Campos, 24, 28080 Madrid, 34-91-308-2436, or via E-Mail at postmaster@comision.fulbright.es, or postmaster@comision-fulbright.org. The Commission maintains a web-site on this and other programs at <http://www.fulbright.es/welcome.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority:

This program is established under the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States and the Government of Spain.

A solicitation for this program began September 1, and will continue until the closing date of December 1, 1999. The Department of State and the Foreign Ministry of Spain announce the third call for collaborative projects under the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, which entered into force in 1996. The purpose of the Agreement is to encourage and support scientific and technological cooperation between the United States and Spain. Grants under this project call, that are approved by the Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation will assist with the costs for international collaboration between research teams from science agencies and universities of the two countries. Basic research costs must be funded from other sources. Costs supported will normally not exceed \$30,000 in the first year; a renewal may be requested under a later project call.

Basic Terms

The funds available to the Joint Commission as described in Article VII (2) of the Agreement, are being used as follows. Approximately twenty-five percent of the funds were used in the

first year of the program, or approximately \$750,000 for thirty-six grants. In the second call for proposals, approximately 40% of the funds, or about \$1,200,000 were used for new proposals and for approved renewals. The remaining funds will be used in the third year.

Costs supported include travel, at government contract rates or tourist class; per diem lodging, meals and incidentals; international mail and messenger service; minimal amounts of equipment (normally no more than \$2000 would be approved), and the like. Living costs will be supported up to a maximum of \$175 per day, but teams are encouraged to find less expensive options for meals and lodging for stays of more than a few days, to maximize the funds available. Normally travel should be for a minimum of week and a maximum of a month.

The call for proposals is open until December 1, 1999; grants will be decided in April 2000. There will normally be a maximum of twelve months for use of granted funds. A mid-term report after the first six months will be the basis of an application for a renewal if one is desired. Proposals will be subject to peer review in both countries. Proposals will be submitted as a single package in both English and Spanish; U.S. principal investigators should forward their portion of the document to their Spanish counterpart, to facilitate the submission of the package to the Program Secretariat in Madrid.

Collaborative proposals are expected to have secured funding for the basic research, and preferably be already established projects in at least one of the two countries.

Priorities

Emphasis will be given by the Joint Commission in the 1998 awards to the following fields:

1. Life Sciences
 - 1.1 Infectious and degenerative diseases, including diseases of animals
 - 1.2 Biotechnology of plants, plant health, and integrated pest management
 - 1.3 Food biotechnology
 - 1.4 Molecular design in the production of pharmaceuticals
2. Environment
 - 2.1 Biodiversity
 - 2.2 Natural reserves and protected ecosystems
 - 2.3 Conservation of soils and forests and problems of desertification
 - 2.4 Integrated water management; resources, use and reuse

- 2.5 Combating pollution and treatment of wastes
3. Information and Communication Technology
 - 3.1 Electronic and microelectronic technology
 - 3.2 Advanced communication technology: satellites, mobile units, Internet II
 - 3.3 Informatics
4. Materials Sciences
 - 4.1 Ceramics, metals, polymers, compounds and superconductors
 - 4.2 Advanced production technology for new materials
5. Energy and High Energy Physics
 - 5.1 Alternate energy: Solar and Wind
 - 5.2 Clean technologies for fossil fuels and/or alternatives
 - 5.3 Cooperative research with U.S. High Energy Physics Labs
6. Space, including earth observation from space.
7. Other

Applicants will indicate on the cover sheet the number of the field under which the project falls. Projects submitted outside these categories should simply be designated as "7. Other Fields."

Research Teams

All scientists working in research agencies of the two governments, or in universities of the two countries, are eligible to apply. Each project should have a principal investigator on the U.S. side and on the Spanish side. These should be nationals or residents of the respective countries; teams may include citizens of other countries if this is justified in the research plan. U.S. researchers are reminded that Spain requires a visa for holders of official or diplomatic passports.

Brooke Holmes,

Director, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs And, Chair, U.S.-Spain S&T Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Application of Daystar Airways, Ltd. D/B/A Nevis Express for Certificate Authority

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Order to Show Cause (Order 99-8-16) Docket OST-99-5062.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation is directing all interested

persons to show cause why it should not issue an order finding Daystar Airways, Ltd. d/b/a Nevis Express fit, willing, and able, and awarding it a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in foreign scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the United States and Nevis and St. Kitts, West Indies, using aircraft with no more than nine passengers seats.

DATES: Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than September 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections should be filed in the Docket OST-99-5062 and addressed to the Department of Transportation Dockets, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Kathy Lusby Cooperstein, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2337.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

A. Bradley Mims,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-6136]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and its Subcommittee on Proper Cargo Names (PCN) will meet to discuss various issues relating to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. Both meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: CTAC will meet on Thursday, September 16, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Subcommittee on PCN will meet on Wednesday, September 15, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 6, 1999. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or

subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: CTAC will meet at the Greenspoint Marriott Hotel, 255 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, Texas. The Subcommittee on PCN will meet at the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Training Academy, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, Texas. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Robert F. Corbin, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Robert F. Corbin, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agendas of Meetings

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction and swearing-in of the new members.
- (2) Status report from the Subcommittee on Prevention Through People (PTP).
- (3) Final report from the Subcommittee on PCN.
- (4) Report on current International Maritime Organization (IMO) activities relating to the chemical transportation industry.
- (5) Presentation on the Coast Guard's bulk cargo finding aid.
- (6) Presentation on the ABS chemical initiative (navigating the regulatory maze) and the ABS rapid response program.

Subcommittee/Workshop on PCN

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Discussion of proper cargo name usage and applicable regulatory requirements.
- (2) Coast Guard cargo classification process.
- (3) Demonstration on Coast Guard bulk cargo finding aid.

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive

Director no later than September 6, 1999. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 6, 1999. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 6, 1999.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 18, 1999.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-1999-6086; (Formerly FRA Docket No. SBR 97-1)]

RIN No. 2130-AB15

Notice of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In this notice, FRA announces a public meeting that will take place on September 28, 1999 in Washington, D. C. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the definition of "small entity," for purposes of FRA's small business communication and enforcement policies and procedures, in order to determine the scope of the entities subject to those programs. FRA previously published an Interim Policy Statement Concerning Small Entities Subject to the Railroad Safety Laws and invited comment on the definition of "small entity" at that time. FRA received comments from interested parties and plans to discuss those at this meeting.

DATES: Meeting Date: The public meeting will be held on September 28, 1999; 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 of the FRA, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW, Seventh Floor, Washington, DC.

Written Comments: (1) Written comments must be submitted to DOT's Central Docket Management Facility by September 20, 1999. Commenters should reference the docket number and