

provide opportunities for participation in such programs to human rights and democracy leaders of such countries." Proposals should reflect advancement of this goal in their program contents, to the full extent deemed feasible.

Review Process

The Bureau will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for technical eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein and in the Solicitation Package. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the Program Office. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to panels of Bureau officers for advisory review. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Adviser or by other Department elements. Final funding decisions are at the discretion of the Department of State's Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards (grants or cooperative agreements) resides with the Bureau's Grants Officer.

Review Criteria

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation:

1. Program planning and ability to achieve objectives: Detailed agenda and relevant work plan should demonstrate careful and thorough preparation to carry out substantive programs that have a high likelihood of achieving program objectives. Agenda and plan should adhere to the program overview and guidelines described above. Objectives should be reasonable, feasible, and flexible.

2. Institutional capability: Organization should demonstrate sufficient skills and experience in hosting visitors from other countries and ability to utilize local business, legal and governmental resources and voluntary support. Thematic expertise in project subject matter must be demonstrated.

3. Cost-effectiveness: The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals should also maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

4. Support of Diversity: Proposals should demonstrate the recipient's commitment to promoting the

awareness and understanding of diversity.

5. Project Evaluation: Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the activity's success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. The Bureau recommends that the proposal include a draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology to use to link outcomes to original project objectives. Award-receiving organizations/institutions will be expected to submit intermediate reports after each project component is concluded or quarterly, whichever is less frequent.

Authority

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * * to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through The FREEDOM Support Act legislation.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD08-00-018]

Galveston Causeway Railroad Bridge

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Coast Guard announces a forthcoming public hearing for the presentation of views concerning the alteration of the Galveston Causeway Railroad Bridge near Galveston, Texas.

DATES: The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m., August 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: (a) The hearing will be held in Room 175, of the Jadwin Building, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston Texas 77553.

(b) Written comments may be submitted to and will be available for examination from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, to Commander, Coast Guard District Eight, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2832.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2832, (314) 539-3900 ext. 378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Complaints have been received alleging that the bridge is unreasonably obstructive to navigation. Information available to the Coast Guard indicates there were 99 marine collisions with the bridge between 1990 and 1999. These collisions have caused moderate to heavy damage to the bridge. Based on this information, the bridge appears to be an unreasonable obstruction to free navigation. This may require increasing the horizontal clearance on the bridge to meet the needs of navigation. All interested parties shall have full opportunity to be heard and to present evidence as to whether any alteration of this bridge is needed, and if so, what alterations are needed, giving due consideration to the necessities of free and unobstructed water navigation. The necessities of rail traffic will also be considered.

Any person who wishes, may appear and be heard at this public hearing.

Persons planning to appear and be heard are requested to notify Commander, Coast Guard Eighth District, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2832, Telephone: 314-539-3900 ext. 378, any time prior to the hearing indicating the amount of time required. Depending upon the number of scheduled statements, it may be necessary to limit the amount of time allocated to each person. Any limitations of time allocated will be announced at the beginning of the hearing. Written statements and exhibits may be submitted in place of or in addition to oral statements and will be made a part of the hearing record. Such written statements and exhibits may be delivered at the hearing or mailed in advance to the Bridge Administrator, Bridge Branch. Transcripts of the hearing will be made available for purchase upon request.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 513; 49 CFR 1.46(c)(3).

Dated: July 26, 2000.

Paul J. Pluta,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of a currently approved collection. The ICR describes the nature of each of the information collection and the expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on May 9, 2000, (FR 65, pages 26871-26872).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 1, 2000. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Title: Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0557.

Forms(s) FAA Form 5500-1.

Affected Public: 450 respondents.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 40117 authorizes airports to impose passenger facility charges (PFC). The final rule (14 CFR part 158) implementing this Act was effective June 28, 1991. Changes have been made to this form to reflect those changes made to the statute by the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (Pub. L. 1060181, April 5, 2000). This program requires public agencies and certain members of the aviation industry to prepare and submit applications and reports to the DOT/FAA. This program provides additional funding for airport development which is needed now and in the future.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 26,592 burden hours annually.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 25, 2000.

Patricia W. Carter,

Acting Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Noise Compatibility Program Chandler Municipal Airport, Chandler, AZ

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the Noise Compatibility Program submitted by the city of Chandler, Arizona, under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-193) and 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 150 (FAR Part 150). These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On June 24, 1999 the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the city of Chandler, Arizona, under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On July 10, 2000 the Associate Administrator for Airports

approved the Chandler Municipal Airport Noise Compatibility Program. All sixteen program measures were approved. Three measures were approved as voluntary measures and thirteen measures were approved outright.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Chandler Municipal Airport noise compatibility program is July 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Armstrong, Airport Planner, Airports Division, AWP-611.1, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region. Mailing address: P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007. Telephone: (310) 725-3614. Street address: 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, California 90261.

Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the Noise Compatibility Program for the Chandler Municipal Airport, effective July 10, 2000.

Under Section 104(a) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a Noise Exposure Map, may submit to the FAA, a Noise Compatibility Program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing noncompatible land uses and prevention of additional noncompatible land uses within the area covered by the Noise Exposure Maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport Noise Compatibility Program developed in accordance with FAR Part 150 is a local program, not a federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in FAR Part 150 of the Act and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The Noise Compatibility Program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing noncompatible land uses around the airport and preventing