

administration of Exchange Visitor Programs as set forth in 22 CFR 6Z, including the oversight of Responsible Officers and Alternate Responsible Officers, screening and selection of program participants, provision of pre-arrival information and orientation to participants, monitoring of participants, proper maintenance and security of forms, recordkeeping, reporting and other requirements. The Grantee will be responsible for issuing DS-2019 forms to participants in this program.

A copy of the complete regulations governing the administration of Exchange Visitor (J) programs is available at <http://exchanges.state.gov> or from: United States Department of State, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, ECA/EC/ECD—SA-44, Room 734, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, Telephone: (202) 401-9810, FAX: (202) 401-9809.

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. The program office and the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tunis will review eligible proposals. Eligible proposals will be subject to compliance with federal and Bureau regulations and guidelines and forwarded to Bureau grant panels 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 Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance grant awards resides with the Bureau's Grants Officer.

Review Criteria

All reviewers will use the criteria below to reach funding recommendations and decisions. Technically eligible applications will be reviewed competitively according to these criteria, which are not rank-ordered or weighted.

(1) *Broad and Enduring Significance of Institutional Objectives:* Project objectives should have significant and ongoing results for the Tunisian partner institutions and for their surrounding societies or communities by providing a deepened understanding of critical issues in one or more of the eligible fields. Project objectives should relate clearly to institutional and societal needs.

(2) *Creativity and Feasibility of Strategy to Achieve Project Objectives:*

Strategies to achieve project objectives should be feasible and realistic within the projected budget and timeframe. These strategies should utilize and reinforce exchange activities creatively to ensure an efficient use of program resources. Relevant factors include: The availability of a sufficient number of faculty and/or administrators willing and able to participate in project activities, and faculty and/or administrators with Arabic or French language skills.

(3) *Institutional Commitment to Cooperation:* Proposals should demonstrate significant understanding by each institution of its own needs and capacities and of the needs and capacities of its proposed partner(s), together with a strong commitment by the partner institutions, during and after the period of grant activity, to cooperate with one another in the mutual pursuit of institutional objectives. Proposals should describe projected benefits to the institutions involved as well as to wider communities of educators and practitioners in Tunisia.

(4) *Project Evaluation:* Proposals should outline a methodology for determining the degree to which a project meets its objectives, both while the project is underway and at its conclusion. The final project evaluation should include an external component and should provide observations about the project's influence within the participating institutions as well as their surrounding communities or societies, and observations about anticipated long-term impact on the Tunisian economy.

(5) *Cost-effectiveness:* Administrative and program costs should be reasonable and appropriate with cost sharing provided by all participating institutions within the context of their respective capacities. We view cost sharing as a reflection of institutional commitment to the project.

(6) *Support of Diversity:* Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau's policy on diversity by explaining how issues of diversity are included in project objectives for all institutional partners. Issues resulting from differences of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, geography, socio-economic status, or physical challenge should be addressed during project implementation. In addition, project participants and administrators should reflect the diversity within the societies that they represent (see the section of this document on "Diversity, Freedom, and Democracy Guidelines"). Proposals should also discuss how the various institutional partners approach diversity issues in their respective communities or societies.

Authority

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 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 cited above is provided through the U.S. North African Economic Partnership (USNAEP).

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFQP 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 RFQP 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: March 25, 2003.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Advisory Circular 120-16D, Air Carrier Maintenance Programs

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the issuance and availability of Advisory

Circular (AC) 120–16D, “Air Carrier Maintenance Programs”. AC 120–16D is written in plain language format and represents a major revision and update of the earlier version. The AC identifies and describes in detail the functions of the nine elements of the air carrier maintenance programs described in 14 CFR part 119, part 121, and part 135. It explains the background as well as the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) regulatory requirements for these programs. As with all advisory Circulars, the material is not a regulation, nor does it establish minimum standards. However, where terms such as “must,” “shall,” and “will” are used in AC 120–16D, such use reflects actual regulatory requirements.

DATES: Advisory Circular 120–16D, Air Carrier Maintenance Programs was issued by the Office of the Director, Flight Standards Service, AFS–1 on March 18, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell S. Unangst, Jr., Technical Advisor for Aircraft Maintenance, AFS–304, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Maintenance Division, Flight Standards Service, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–3786; facsimile (202) 267–5115, e-mail russell.unangst@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: How To Obtain a Copy of the AC *How To Obtain Copies:* This AC can be read or downloaded from the Internet at <http://www2.faa.gov/avr/afs/index.cfm> under the “All Advisory Circulars” hyperlink. Paper copies of the AC will be available in approximately 6–8 weeks from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Subsequent Distribution Office, SVC–121.23, Ardmore East Business Center, 3341 Q 75th Avenue, Landover, MD 20785.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 27, 2003.

David E. Cann,

Manager, Aircraft Maintenance Division, Flight Standards Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Revision to Advisory Circular 25.562–1A, Dynamic Evaluation of Seat Restraint Systems and Occupant Protection on Transport Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed revision to advisory circular; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 2, 2003, the FAA published a request for public comment on a proposed revision to Advisory Circular (AC) 25.562–1A, Dynamic Evaluation of Seat Restraint Systems and Occupant Protection on Transport Airplanes. The revised AC provides guidance on an improved procedure for selection of test articles, as well as criteria for determining whether analysis or testing is appropriate for substantiation. The comment period closes April 2, 2003; however, the FAA is extending the comment period to allow additional time to review the draft AC and develop comments in response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You should send your comments on the proposed revision to the Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Jeff Gardlin, Airframe/Cabin Safety Branch, ANM–115, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055–4056. You may also submit comments electronically to: jeff.gardlin@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gardlin at the above address, telephone (425) 227–2136, facsimile 425–227–1149, or e-mail jeff.gardlin@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How Do I Obtain a Copy of the Proposed Advisory Circular Revision?

You may obtain an electronic copy of the draft advisory circular identified in this notice at the following Internet address: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/DraftAC>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may request a copy by contacting Jeff Gardlin at the address or phone number listed earlier in this announcement.

How Do I Submit Comments on the Draft Advisory Circular?

You are invited to comment on the proposed advisory material by submitting written comments, data, or views. You must identify the title of the

AC and submit your comments in duplicate to the address specified above. We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comments before issuing the final advisory material.

Discussion

We have determined that due to the size and scope of the AC revision, a longer comment period is warranted. The comment period is therefore extended for 30 days to May 2, 2003, to allow commenters additional time to review the AC and submit comments.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 24, 2003.

K.C. Yanamura,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2003–14824; Airspace Docket No. 00–AWA–3]

RIN 2120–AA66

Designation of Oceanic Airspace

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of provision of air traffic services in oceanic airspace.

SUMMARY: By this action the FAA informs airspace users of the type of air traffic control (ATC) service provided in the oceanic airspace controlled by the United States of America (U.S.). This notice is consistent with U.S. obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention), including, that all Contracting States disseminate information regarding the types of ATC services provided in oceanic airspace under their control.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Terry Brown, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA–400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

The Chicago Convention was adopted to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation. The Chicago Convention also