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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget of a New Information Collection Activity, Request for Comments; National Flight Attendant Duty/Rest/Fatigue Field Study

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In response to a Congressional directive to conduct a flight attendant fatigue study, FAA's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, will initiate a comprehensive analysis of fatigue in flight attendants across a range of operational conditions.

DATES: Please submit comments by November 28, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carla Mauney on (202) 267-9895, or by e-mail at: Carla.Mauney@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: National Flight Attendant Duty/Rest/Fatigue Field Study.

Type of Request: New collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-XXXX.

Forms(s): There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

Affected Public: A total of 210 Respondents.

Frequency: The information will be collected daily for one month.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 45 minutes per response.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 4,725 hours.

Abstract: In response to a Congressional directive to conduct a flight attendant fatigue study, FAA's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, will initiate a comprehensive analysis of fatigue in flight attendants across a range of operational conditions. The specific goals of this project are to systematically assess activity patterns, fatigue, and performance on- and off-duty in 210 flight attendants of various levels of seniority from US-based network, low-cost, and regional carriers embarking on domestic and extended international flights.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Carla Mauney, Room 712, Federal Aviation Administration, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 20, 2008.

Carla Mauney,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Deadline for Notification of Intent To Use the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Sponsor, Cargo, and Nonprimary Entitlement Funds for Fiscal Year 2009

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces February 2, 2009, as the deadline for each airport sponsor to notify the FAA whether or not it will use its fiscal year 2009 entitlement funds available under Public Law No. 110-330 to accomplish Airport Improvement Program (AIP)-eligible projects that the sponsor previously identified through the Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) process during the preceding year. If a sponsor does not declare their intention regarding the use of fiscal year 2009 entitlement funds by February 2, 2009, FAA will be unable to take the necessary actions to designate these as "protected" carryover funds; these funds will not be carried over without a legislative enactment that provides an additional AIP authorization and an extension of the FAA's spending authority from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund beyond March 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank J. San Martin, Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP-500, on (202) 267-3831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title 49 of the United States Code, section 47105(f), provides that the sponsor of each airport to which funds are apportioned shall notify the Secretary by such time and in a form as prescribed by the Secretary, of the sponsor's intent to apply for the funds apportioned to it (entitlements). This notice applies only to those airports that have had entitlement funds apportioned to them, except those nonprimary airports located in designated Block Grant States. Sponsors intending to apply for any of their available entitlement funds, including those unused from prior years, shall submit by February 2, 2009, a written indication to the designated Airports District Office (or Regional Office in regions without Airports District Offices) that they will advertise, bid, and submit an application prior to February 11, 2009, or by the date established by the designated Airport District or Regional Office.

This notice is promulgated to expedite and prioritize the grant-making process. In the past when there has been full-year funding for AIP, the FAA has established a deadline of May 1 for an airport sponsor to declare that it will defer use of its entitlement funding. Considering that Congress has authorized the AIP program only until March 31, 2009, i.e. into the middle of a fiscal year, and uncertainty about additional statutory action before the end of the fiscal year, the FAA is establishing February 2, 2009, as the deadline for each airport sponsor to notify the FAA whether or not it will use its fiscal year 2009 entitlement funds.

The AIP grant program is operating under the requirements of Public Law 110-329, the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009", which is a continuing resolution through March 6, 2009, and Public Law 110-330, the "Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2008, Part II", enacted on September 30, 2008, which amends 49 U.S.C. 48103, to extend AIP for a six-month period beginning October 1, 2008 and ending on March 31, 2009. The FAA's expenditure authority from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund will expire on March 31, 2009, in the absence of an additional statutory extension. Therefore, to avoid the risk of not being able to carryover funds should an additional extension not be enacted,

and to allow at least three days for accounting processing time, AIP funds should be obligated in FAA's accounting records on or before March 3, 2009.

Sponsors have three options available to them regarding AIP grants during this period. First, sponsors may elect to make an application for a grant based on entitlements currently available to them. Sponsors that elect to take such a grant must submit grant applications to the FAA no later than February 11, 2009, in order to meet the March 3, 2009 obligation deadline. Second, sponsors may elect to wait until after the February 2, 2009 notification date for protection of carryover entitlements. However, if a sponsor does not declare their intention regarding the use of fiscal year 2009 entitlement funds by the February 2, 2009 deadline, FAA will be unable to take the necessary actions to designate these as "protected" carryover funds, and these funds would not be carried over without a legislative enactment that provides additional AIP authorization for fiscal year 2009 and extends the FAA's spending authority from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund beyond March 31, 2009. Third, sponsors may elect to declare their intention to carryover the entitlements prior to the February 2, 2009 deadline through sending an acceptable written notification of such intention by February 2, 2009. Unused carryover entitlements that have been deferred will be available in fiscal year 2010 as provided in current law. FAA will then issue discretionary grants from the deferred entitlement funds pursuant to the authority and limitations in section 471 17(f).

If a statutory extension beyond March 31, 2009 of the AIP program and the FAA's authority to make expenditures from the Trust Fund is enacted, additional entitlement funds may be available to sponsors. In that case, airport sponsors who did not previously declare their intention to carryover the entitlements must provide a written indication to the designated Airports District Office (or Regional Office in regions without Airports District Offices) that they will either carryover or use their fiscal year 2009 entitlements by May 1, 2009.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 21, 2008.

Benito DeLeon,

Director, FAA Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 680]

Study of Competition in the Freight Railroad Industry

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of board meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board will meet with Christensen Associates at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2008, in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss Christensen Associates' independent study entitled *Report to the U.S. STB on Competition and Related Issues in the U.S. Freight Railroad Industry*. The report assesses the current state of competition in the United States freight railroad industry. The meeting will be open for public observation but not public participation.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2008, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters at Patriot's Plaza, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Dennis Watson, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, Telephone: (202) 245-0234, FIRS: (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2007, the Board awarded a contract to Christensen Associates to conduct an independent study that provides a comprehensive analysis of a wide range of issues including competition, capacity, and the interplay between the two. The report also includes an examination of various regulatory policy alternatives that could lead to changes in the Board's regulatory approach if necessary.

The Board will release the report to the public in early November and will solicit written public comments at that time.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: October 23, 2008.

By the Board, Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary.

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designation of Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13382

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of four newly-designated entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13382 of June 28, 2005, "Blocking Property of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators and Their Supporters."

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the four entities identified in this notice pursuant to Executive Order 13382 is effective on October 22, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: (202) 622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's web site (<http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622-0077.

Background

On June 28, 2005, the President, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706) ("IEEPA"), issued Executive Order 13382 (70 FR 38567, July 1, 2005) (the "Order"), effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 29, 2005. In the Order, the President took additional steps with respect to the national emergency described and declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, regarding the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivering them.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) The persons listed in an Annex to the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of State, in