

approved by FHWA after coordination with the DOT Office of General Counsel.

#### FTA

For contracts to be funded by FTA (including federal financial assistance under any FTA formula or discretionary program), State and local recipients and subrecipients must request prior approval from the FTA to use a specific contracting requirement pursuant to FTA's research and assistance authorities discussed above. In making such requests, recipients and subrecipients must submit an application to their FTA Regional Office. In their application, recipients should address, at a minimum, the following points:

(1) Describe the contracting opportunity, including the schedule for the type of project and type of asset being constructed and the amount of FTA funding involved in the project as well as the estimated total project cost.

(2) Describe the contracting requirement that may otherwise be found to be inconsistent with the general requirement for full and open competition.

(3) Describe how they will evaluate the effects of relevant contracting requirements on competitive bidding. In doing so, the recipient and subrecipient should, at a minimum, provide comparisons of bids received for the projects utilizing the relevant contract requirements to other projects of similar size and scope and in the same geographic area not utilizing such requirements. If a reduction in the pool of bidders is evident, explain the potential offsetting benefits resulting from the use of the requirement.

(4) Describe how the relevant contracting requirement would lead to increases in the effectiveness and efficiency of Federal funds for the project.

(5) Describe and quantify how the experimental contracting technique would protect the integrity of the competitive bidding process either in connection with the particular contract or when considered over the long term for that agency's program.

An evaluation committee comprised of FTA staff will evaluate applications for inclusion in the pilot program. The evaluation committee reserves the right to evaluate applications it receives and to seek clarification from any proposer about any statement that is made in an application. FTA also may request additional documentation or information to be considered during the evaluation process. The evaluation committee will provide a recommendation to the FTA

Administrator regarding each application. The FTA Administrator will provide a final written determination to each applicant, on a rolling basis, regarding whether an application has been accepted into the pilot program.

For projects involving the use of local and other geographic labor hiring preferences, economic-based labor hiring preferences, and/or labor hiring preferences for veterans, FTA may approve, at the request of the recipient or subrecipient, the use of such requirements for a specific contract, a specific group of, or on a more general programmatic basis. The use of other contracting requirements may be approved by FTA after coordination with the DOT Office of General Counsel.

With respect to in-state or local geographic labor hiring preferences, please note that Section 418 of the Consolidated and further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Public Law 113-235 (FY 2015 Appropriations Act), prohibits FTA from using FY 2015 funds to implement, administer, or enforce 49 CFR 18.36(c)(2), for construction hiring. Section 18.36(c)(2) prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed in-State or local geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, for construction contracts awarded or advertised in FY 2015, FTA recipients may use in-state or local geographic preferences for construction labor hiring. Additional guidance on FTA's implementation of Section 418 may be found on FTA's Web site at [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov).

As a result of the enactment of Section 418, recipients and subrecipients do not need to submit applications for participation in the pilot program for the use of in-state or local geographic labor hiring preferences for contracts awarded or advertised on or before September 30, 2015. In other words, prior FTA approval is not required to use such requirements, and FTA recipients and subrecipients may impose such requirements for their contracts at their discretion. Such projects will receive automatic admission into the pilot program. However, in order to assess the effect of such preferences on

<sup>3</sup> Effective December 26, 2014, 49 CFR part 18 will apply only to grants obligated on or before December 25, 2014. Grants obligated on or after December 26, 2014 will be subject to 2 CFR part 200. This provision (18.36(c)(2)) has been recodified at 2 CFR 200.319(b) and is substantively the same as 18.36(c)(2). Although Congress did not address the change in codification in section 418, FTA intends to apply section 418 to grants obligated on or after December 26, 2014 and subject to 2 CFR 200.319(b).

competition, recipients and subrecipients that plan to utilize in-state or local geographic labor hiring preferences must notify their FTA Regional Office prior to advertising contracts that use such preferences. For in-state or local geographic hiring preferences proposed for inclusion in contracts advertised after September 30, 2015, recipients and subrecipients must request prior approval from the FTA to utilize such hiring preferences through the above-described process unless provisions similar to section 418 are included in a new appropriations or reauthorization act. Requests to use requirements other than in-state or local geographic preferences for construction hiring, including requirements involving the procurement of rolling stock, must request prior FTA approval as described above.

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**Anthony R. Foxx,**  
*Secretary of Transportation.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0013]

##### National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

**ACTION:** Meeting Notice—National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** The NHTSA announces a meeting of NEMSAC to be held in the Metropolitan Washington, DC, area. This notice announces the date, time, and location of the meeting, which will be open to the public, as well as opportunities for public input to the NEMSAC. The purpose of NEMSAC, a nationally recognized council of emergency medical services representatives and consumers, is to advise and consult with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) on matters relating to emergency medical services (EMS). Pre-registration is required to attend.

**DATES:** This open meeting will be held on March 31, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT, and on April 1, 2015 from, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT. A public comment

period will take place on March 31, 2015, at approximately 4:30 p.m. EDT and April 1, 2015, at approximately 10 a.m. EDT. Written comments from the public must be received no later than March 26, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at DOT Headquarters Building at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590 in the Conference Center on the ground floor of the West building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Drew Dawson, Director, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., NTI-140, Washington, DC 20590; telephone 202-366-9966; email [Drew.Dawson@dot.gov](mailto:Drew.Dawson@dot.gov).

**Required Registration and Access Information:** This meeting will be open to the public, however pre-registration is required to comply with security procedures. Government issued photo identification must be provided to enter the DOT Building and it is suggested that visitors arrive 20–30 minutes early in order to facilitate entry. Members of the public wishing to attend must register online at <http://events.signup4.com/NEMSACMarch2015> no later than March 26, 2015. Please be aware that visitors to DOT are subject to search and must pass through a magnetometer. Weapons of any kind are strictly forbidden in the building unless authorized through the performance of the official duties of your employment (*i.e.* law enforcement officer).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The NEMSAC is authorized under Section 31108 of the Moving Ahead with Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012.

### **Tentative Agenda of National EMS Advisory Council Meeting**

The tentative agenda includes the following:

*Tuesday, March 31, 2015 (1 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT)*

- (1) Opening Remarks by Council Chair and Administration Officials
- (2) Disclosure of Conflicts of Interests by Members
- (3) Reports of liaisons from the Departments of Transportation, Homeland Security, and Health & Human Services
- (4) Presentation and discussion from the Office of National Drug Control Policy on the use of naloxone in emergency medical services systems
- (5) Presentation, Discussion and Possible Adoption of Reports and

Recommendations from the following NEMSAC Workgroups:

- a. NEMSAC Annual Report 2014–2015
- b. NEMSAC Process Improvement
- c. NEMSAC New-member Orientation
- (6) Other Business of the Council
- (7) General Public Comment Period (approximately 4:30 p.m. EDT)

*Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT)*

- (1) Unfinished Business/Continued Discussion from Previous Day
- (2) Public Comment Period (approximately 10 a.m. EDT)
- (3) Adoption of NEMSAC Work Products
- (4) Next Steps and Adjourn

A final agenda as well as meeting materials will be available to the public online through [www.EMS.gov](http://www.EMS.gov) on or before March 24, 2015.

**Public Comment:** Members of the public are encouraged to comment directly to the NEMSAC. There are two public comment opportunities as indicated above. In order to allow as many people as possible to speak, speakers are requested to limit their remarks to 5 minutes. Written comments from members of the public will be distributed to NEMSAC members at the meeting and should reach the NHTSA Office of EMS no later than September 5, 2014. Written comments may be submitted by either one of the following methods: (1) By email: [nemsac@dot.gov](mailto:nemsac@dot.gov) or (2) by fax: (202) 366-7149.

Dated: March 3, 2015.

**Jeffrey P. Michael,**

*Associate Administrator for Research and Program Development.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Broomfield, Colorado**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release airport property.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21), now 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 6, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. John P. Bauer, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Denver Airports District Office, 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224, Denver, Colorado 80249-6361.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Aubrey L. McGonigle, Airport Administration Manager, Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Broomfield, Colorado, at the following address: Ms. Aubrey L. McGonigle, Airport Administration Manager, Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Marc Miller, Colorado Engineer/Compliance Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Denver Airports District Office, 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224, Denver, Colorado 80249-6361.

The request to release property may be reviewed, by appointment, in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport under the provisions of the AIR 21 (49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2)).

On December 30, 2014, the FAA determined that the request to release property at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport submitted by Jefferson County meets the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than April 6, 2015.

The following is a brief overview of the request: Jefferson County is proposing the release from the terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions on a 449 acre parcel of property acquired by Jefferson County on June 2, 1959. This property was transferred to the Jefferson County Airport Authority in April of 1966. With the dissolution of the Airport Authority in 1998, this property ownership was then transferred back to Jefferson County, as the airport sponsor, January 11, 1999. Elevation constraints of this parcel compared to the Runway environment makes it unusable for airport development. The property is currently undeveloped vacant land. The expected future use of the property is for non-aviation development associated with the Verve Innovation Park, as well