

Coast Guard seeks grantees to conduct a National study on boating safety concerns and specific interventions for Special Needs Groups. Applicants would provide recommendations to improve the aquatic safety/boating safety for those segments of the population that are mentally and/or physically impaired. *Point of Contact:* CWO2 Tim Duff, 202-267-1263.

8. State/Federal/Boating Organizations Cooperative Partnering Efforts. The Coast Guard seeks grantees to provide programs to encourage greater participation and uniformity in boating safety efforts. Applicants would provide a forum to encourage greater uniformity of boating laws and regulations, reciprocity among jurisdictions, and closer cooperation and assistance in developing, administering, and enforcing Federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to boating safety. *Point of Contact:* Ms. Sandy Brown, 202-267-6010.

9. Develop and Conduct Technical Seminars on Boating Safety Standards and Compliance. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional materials for, and conduct training courses nationwide for compliance with recreational boating Federal safety standards. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

10. Investigate Deficiencies of Recreational Boat Flotation Foam. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to study deficiencies in flotation foams used for recreational boats. In particular, grantee should explore new foam spraying agents and techniques in light of recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations governing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). *Point of Contact:* Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

11. Develop and Conduct Boating Accident Seminars. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional material, and conduct training courses nationwide for boating accident investigators, including three courses at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

12. National Estimate of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) Wear Rate. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop a statistically valid, empirically developed national estimate of wear rates of PFDs by recreational boaters. This will provide the Coast Guard with a baseline against which to measure the effectiveness of its public relations and boating education efforts, and will assist in PFD wearability improvement efforts.

Point of Contact: LCDR Rick Sparacino, 202-267-0976.

13. Conduct a Research Study on Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Conspicuity. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to identify and investigate past and current research into factors that contribute to the conspicuity of objects in the water with the goal of increasing the conspicuity of personal flotation devices when the wearer is in the water. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Rick Gipe, 202-267-0985.

14. Voluntary Standards Development Support. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to carry out a program to encourage active public participation in the development of technically sound voluntary boating safety standards. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Peter Eikenberry, 202-267-6984.

15. Improvement of Navigation Light Visibility and Glare Minimization. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to investigate the safety aspects of navigation light lens size for lights constructed in accordance with the Navigation Rule specifications. Grantee shall determine the minimum lens size necessary to effect a safe level of navigation light discernment when viewed, especially at close range, against a background of lights and inclement weather. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Randolph J. Doubt, 202-267-6810.

16. Recreational Boating Electronic Accident Reporting System. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop an electronic means of submitting recreational boating accident report data from the public. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Phil Cappel, 202-267-0988.

17. Human Factors and Risk Management in Recreational Boating Applications. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to identify and characterize the human factors and risk involved with the recreational boating experience, including operator controlled factors, boat characteristics, safety equipment, operating environment, and operator safety awareness. Grantee shall identify resources/interventions to eliminate/mitigate risk factors. Grantee shall specifically identify the risk involved with recreational boat characteristics of speed, accelerations (both lateral and vertical), and stability, and develop/validate risk matrices identifying appropriate interventions to reduce/eliminate risk. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Phil Cappel, 202-267-0988.

18. Off-Throttle Steering of Jet-pump Propelled Craft. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to identify available and emerging technology/methodology in the area of off-throttle steering of jet-pump propelled craft and conduct testing on those items/methods that are

determined to be the most effective.

Point of Contact: Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

19. Development and Validation of Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Computer Simulation Model. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to work with the Coast Guard Research and Development Program in the further development of an articulated total body mannequin and the use of the mannequin to validate a computer simulation model for rough water testing of PFDs. *Point of Contact:* Mr. Rick Gipe, 202-267-0985.

The above list includes items of specific interest to the Coast Guard, however, potential applicants should not be constrained by the list. Any initiative which can help to reduce deaths, injuries or damage among recreational boaters is welcomed. One area you should focus on is PARTNERSHIP. Explore other sources, linkages, in-kind contributions, cost sharing, and partnering with other organizations or corporations. A more detailed discussion of specific projects of interest to the Coast Guard may be obtained by contacting the Coast Guard Infoline at 800-368-5647 and requesting a copy of a specific proposal. Proposals addressing other boating safety concerns are encouraged. The Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program is listed in section 20.005 of the Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignments for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: Notice is given of two new harmonization tasks assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian A. Yanez, Aircraft Certification Service (AIR-110), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, phone (202) 267-9588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with its Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues. These issues involve the regulatory standards and procedures for aircraft certification found in 14 CFR parts 21, 39, and 183 and Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 36.

The Tasks

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendation on the following harmonization tasks:

Task 1. Review the public comments received on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) 97-7, which proposes to amend the procedural Federal Aviation Regulations for the certification of changes to type certificated products, and develop recommendations regarding the disposition of those comments. The review and recommendations must take into account the public comments received by the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) regarding JAA Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) 21.7. Prepare a recommended final rule for NPRM 97-7 that the JAA could adopt as its rule and that is harmonized with the FAA's rule. Forward the final recommendations to the FAA.

Task 2. Develop a training syllabus for a common training course between the FAA and JAA and assist the FAA and JAA training personnel with the training program material.

The FAA expects ARAC to complete these tasks by March 2, 1998.

The FAA has asked that ARAC prepare the necessary documents, including economic analysis, to justify and carry out its recommendations.

ARAC Acceptance of Tasks

ARAC has accepted the tasks and has chosen to assign them to the existing International Certification Procedures Working Group. The working group serves as staff to ARAC to assist ARAC

in the analysis of the assigned task. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The International Certification Procedures Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. For each task, draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues

Participation in the Working Group

The International Certification Procedures Working Group is composed of experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public, except as authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meetings of the International Certification Procedures Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise have been selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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Assistant Executive Director for Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc. Joint Special Committee 182; Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for an Avionics Computer Resource

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-182 meeting to be held October 22-24, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Meeting Reports: a. Previous Joint Meeting; b. Working Group 48 Meeting; (3) SC-182 Work Program and Schedule: a. Is the need for an ACR MOPS real? b. Are equipment manufacturers committed to the concept? c. Development of a schedule to complete the MOPS not later than December 1998, if interest prevails. (4) Comments to MOPS Draft 1.0 (Web Site: <http://forums.americas.digital.com/avf/RTCA.SC182/dispatch.cgi>): Document Forums; Minimum Operational Performance Standards Draft Version of MOPS; MOPS 1.0 (Reformatted); (5) Discussion papers: a. Operation Goals and Applications (Web Site: Same as Above); Discussion forums; Certification/ Qualification Issues #3 Operational Goals and Applications; b. ARINC 653 APEX Partition Testing (Web Site: Same as Above); Discussion Forums; Architecture/System Services #7 Apex Partition Testing; (6) Status Report: a. Architecture/ System Services Working Group; b. Capacity and Performance Working Group; (7) Working Group Sessions; (8) working Group Reports; (9) Other Business; (10) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interest public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC,