

VII. Agency Contacts

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Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

VIII. Other Information

Notice

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program update that was submitted for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47504 et. seq (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR part 150 by the Maryland Aviation Administration. This program was submitted subsequent to a determination by FAA that associated noise exposure maps submitted under 14 CFR part 150 for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport were in compliance with applicable requirements, effective April 3, 2006, **Federal Register** Doc. 06-3624. The proposed noise compatibility program update will be approved or disapproved on or before March 28, 2008.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date of the start of FAA's review of the noise compatibility program update is October 1, 2007. The public comment period ends November 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Mendelsohn, Eastern Region, Washington Airports District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, Virginia 20166, Telephone: 703-661-1362. Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program update should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program update for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, which will be approved or disapproved on or before March 28, 2008. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program update for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, effective on

October 1, 2007. The airport operator has requested that the FAA review this material and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program update under section 47504 of the Act. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to FAR Part 150 requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before March 28, 2008.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety or create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, and whether they are reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing non-compatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments relating to these factors, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps and the proposed noise compatibility program update are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
Eastern Region—Airports Division, 1
Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, New York
11434.

Federal Aviation Administration,
Washington Airports District Office,
23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210,
Dulles, Virginia 20166.

Maryland Aviation Administration,
Division of Noise, Real Estate and
Land Use Compatibility, 991
Corporate Boulevard, Linthicum, MD
21090.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Dulles, Virginia, on October 1, 2007.

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