

and insights applied in near-term operational situations.

To meet this need, the Department seeks to establish and sponsor one FFRDC under the authority of 48 CFR 35.017.

FFRDC Focus Areas

The FFRDC will be available to provide a wide range of support including, but not limited to the activities listed below:

- *Diplomatic Innovation and Modernization (DIM)*

The purpose of the DIM is to strengthen global engagement and humanitarian outcomes by pioneering research and development initiatives that address emerging threats and foster international cooperation.

- *Global CyberTech Solutions (GCS)*

The purpose of the GCS is to enhance global stability through cutting edge research and development in IT, cyber defense, systems engineering, and data analytics.

- *Global Operations and Acquisitions (GOA)*

The purpose of the GOA is to advance diplomatic effectiveness through collaborative and cutting-edge acquisition methodologies and tools, and data assessments of broad scale Departments needs, international cooperation, and innovative operational practices.

The FFRDC will partner with the Department of State in the design and pursuit of mission goals; provide rapid responsiveness to changing requirements for personnel in all aspects of strategic, technical and program management; recognize Government objectives as its own objectives; partner in pursuit of excellence in public service; and allow for use of the FFRDC by non-sponsors. The Department is publishing this notice in accordance with 48 CFR 5.205(b) of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

Planned Request for Information/ Sources Sought Notice

Based on public comments from the first three notices, the Department has issued a Request for Information/ Sources Sought notice via *SAM.gov*. That notice along with all response instructions can be found at the following link: <https://SAM.gov/opp/1550c30441fc4879a3b6b5bbbca729f0/view>.

Public Comments

During the comment period from May 17–August 15, 2024, the Department

submitted three notices for publication, which were subsequently posted; however, due to the publishing delay for the third notice, the Department is publishing this supplemental notice to address comments received between August 9 and August 15, 2024.

The Department received seventeen (17) comments during this portion of the public comment period. Three (3) comments were received via the **Federal Register** public comment function without content or without context for the information received. The remaining comments have been addressed as described below:

Eleven (11) comments expressed interest in submitting responses, capabilities, or eventually proposals for the FFRDCs. The Department appreciates the interest from industry and looks forward to these organizations' responses to the Sources Sought Notice.

Two (2) comments voiced concerns about the scope and clarity of the focus areas. The **Federal Register** notices included a high-level list of focus areas. The detailed list of functional areas is fully presented in the Draft Scope of Services document attached to the Sources Sought Notice. This should provide insight into the full scope of the FFRDC program. The Department is conducting market research internally and externally to continue to solidify the final scope of the FFRDC to ensure the most effective FFRDC support.

Six (6) of the commenters provided feedback on the focus areas listed in the previous notices. The Department appreciates this thoughtful input, and the draft Scope of Services document attached to the Sources Sought Notice reflects the Department's consideration of these suggestions. The Department will continue to analyze this feedback with other market research information to ensure the most precise and accurate FFRDC scope definition prior to formal solicitation.

The Department also received six (6) responses that provided input on the FFRDC structure in areas such as procurement considerations, number of centers, sponsoring bureaus, and governance processes. The Department will continue to evaluate this feedback to determine internally the ideal processes to govern the FFRDC.

Michael W. Derrios,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition & Senior Procurement Executive, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12538]

Notice of Renewal of Advisory Committee Charter

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Mungai, U.S. Department of State, Telephone: (202) 663–2407; email: MungaiP@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, which operates pursuant to 22 U.S. Code 287o and the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), is a Federal Advisory Committee that provides recommendations to the U.S. Department of State.

The Commission's recommendations relate to the formulation and implementation of U.S. policy towards UNESCO on matters of education, science, culture, and communication and information. Also, the Commission functions as a liaison with organizations, institutions, and individuals in the United States interested in the work of UNESCO.

The Commission is comprised of representatives of American organizations and institutions which have an interest in education, science, communications and culture, including professional associations, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as representatives of federal, state and local governments, and at-large individuals. The Commission meets to provide information on UNESCO related topics and make recommendations.

Kevin E. Bryant,

Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12535]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “The Time is Always Now: Artists Reframe the Black Figure” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby

determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owners or custodians for temporary display in the exhibition “The Time is Always Now: Artists Reframe the Black Figure” at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, North Carolina; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/DP, 2200 C Street NW (SA–5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

Nicole L. Elkon,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration; Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Renewal

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Renewal of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Charter.

SUMMARY: FAA announces the charter renewal of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), a Federal advisory committee that works with industry and the public to improve the development of the FAA’s regulations.

This charter renewal took effect on September 14, 2024, and expires after 2 years unless otherwise renewed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aliah Duckett, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267–7489; email 9-awarac@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the FAA is giving notice of the charter renewal for the ARAC. ARAC provides advice and recommendations to FAA on regulatory matters. ARAC is composed of representatives from member organizations and associations that represent the various aviation industry segments. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. For ARAC-related documents (*i.e.*, charter, meeting packet, recommendation reports), visit the ARAC page on the FAA Committee website at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 11, 2024.

Brandon Roberts,

Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability, Notice of Industry Day Meeting, and Request for Comment on the Draft Engineering Brief 105A for Vertiport Design

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability, notice of industry day meeting, and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FAA’s Office of Airports is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on the update to Engineering Brief (EB) 105 for Vertiport Design (referred to as EB 105A). This draft EB provides updated interim safety standards for aviation facilities that electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft use for take-off and landing. These types of aviation facilities are commonly referred to as ‘vertiports’. Draft EB 105A will be posted Friday, September 20, 2024, on the FAA website at: https://www.faa.gov/airports/engineering/engineering_briefs/drafts/. A comment

matrix will also be available for members of the public to use to submit written comments. The FAA will hold a virtual industry day meeting on the draft EB 105A on Monday, September 30, 2024. Registration is required to attend. See the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections for more information.

DATES:

Comments on draft EB 105A: Please submit comments no later than Friday, October 18, 2024.

Virtual industry day: The virtual industry day will be held on Monday, September 30, 2024, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., EDT. See the **ADDRESSES** section for information about registering.

ADDRESSES:

Comments on Draft EB 105A: Please submit comments or questions regarding the draft EB 105A by email to the Federal Aviation Administration at vertiports@faa.gov.

Registration for industry day: Pre-registration is necessary to receive the link for the virtual industry day meeting. Please visit https://www.faa.gov/airports/engineering/engineering_briefs/drafts/ for registration information or to request special accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Bassey, Office of Airports, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591, phone: (202) 267–7605, email: Robert.Bassey@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA developed draft EB 105A to update the interim safety standards for the design and operation of aviation facilities that electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft use for take-off and landing. These take-off and landing facilities for eVTOL aircraft are commonly referred to as ‘vertiports’.

EB 105A is a revision to the original EB 105 issued on September 21, 2022. Principal changes include adjustments to the sizing of the vertiport geometry, information about aircraft parking, and the creation of a protection area to address aircraft downwash and outwash. The agency has and continues to conduct operational testing with a number of Original Equipment Manufacturers developing eVTOL aircraft. The updates identified in EB 105A were informed through operational testing findings.

The FAA will hold a virtual industry day meeting on the draft EB 105A on September 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. EDT. During this meeting, the FAA will provide an overview of the EB update, discuss some critical aspects of the draft currently under consideration, and provide an opportunity for attendees to