

Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, Change 1*, the FAA is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on the Draft EA for the Midland International Air and Space Port, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel Czelusniak, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–5924; email [FAAMidlandEA@icfi.com](mailto:FAAMidlandEA@icfi.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft EA was prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the City of Midland's proposal to operate a commercial space launch site at the Midland International Airport (MAF) in Midland County, Texas and offer the site to XCOR Aerospace, Inc. (XCOR) for the operation of the Lynx horizontal take-off and horizontal landing reusable launch vehicle (RLV) and engine testing. To operate a commercial space launch site, the City of Midland must obtain a commercial space launch site operator license from the FAA. Under the Proposed Action addressed in the EA, the FAA would: (1) Issue a launch site operator license to the City of Midland for the operation of a commercial space launch site at MAF, (2) issue experimental permits and/or launch licenses to XCOR that would allow XCOR to conduct launches of the Lynx RLV from MAF, and (3) provide unconditional approval to modify the existing Airport Layout Plan (ALP) to reflect the designation of a launch site boundary, installation of aboveground propellant storage tanks, and construction of a concrete pad for engine testing. Proposed launch operations would begin in 2014 and continue through 2018. The frequency of launch operations would initially be one launch per week, eventually increasing to two launches per day, five days a week. Fifty-two annual launch operations are proposed in 2014. The total number of annual launch operations would increase each year until 2018 when 520 annual launch operations are proposed.

The Draft EA addresses the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not issue a launch site operator license to the City of Midland and thus would not issue experimental permits and/or launch licenses to XCOR for operation of the

Lynx RLV at MAF. Also, there would be no need to update the ALP for MAF, and thus there would be no approval of a revised ALP. Existing commercial aviation and military operations would continue at MAF.

The impact categories considered in the Draft EA include air quality; compatible land use; Department of Transportation Act: Section 4(f); fish, wildlife, and plants; floodplains; hazardous materials, pollution prevention, and solid waste; historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources; natural resources and energy supply; noise; socioeconomic impacts, environmental justice, and children's environmental health and safety risks; water quality; and wetlands. The Draft EA also considers the potential cumulative environmental impacts.

The FAA has posted the Draft EA on the FAA Web site at [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/environmental/nepa\\_docs/review/documents\\_progress/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/).

A paper copy of the Draft EA may be reviewed during regular business hours at the following libraries:

- Midland County Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
- Ector County Library, 321 W. 5th Street, Odessa, TX 79761
- Reagan County Library, 300 Courthouse Square, Big Lake, TX 76932

The FAA will hold an open house public meeting to solicit comments from the public concerning the scope and content of the Draft EA.

- April 8, 2014, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Center for Energy & Economic Diversification (CEED), Foyer Room, 1400 N. FM 1788, Midland, TX 79707

The public will be able to speak to project representatives one-on-one and submit written comments or provide oral comments to a stenographer.

**DATES:** The FAA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the Draft EA. To ensure that all comments can be addressed in the Final EA, comments on the draft must be received by the FAA no later than April 21, 2014. Reviewers should organize their comments to be meaningful and inform the FAA of their interests and concerns by quoting or providing specific references to the text of the Draft EA. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the Draft EA may not be considered if they are raised for the first time later in the decision process. This

commenting procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the FAA in a timely manner so that the FAA has an opportunity to address them.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments in writing to Mr. Daniel Czelusniak, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; or by email at [FAAMidlandEA@icfi.com](mailto:FAAMidlandEA@icfi.com).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Twenty-Third Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 216, Aeronautical Systems Security (Joint Meeting With EUROCAE WG–72)

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

**ACTION:** Meeting Notice of RTCA Special Committee 216, Aeronautical Systems Security (Joint Meeting with EUROCAE WG–72).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the twenty-third meeting of RTCA Special Committee 216, Aeronautical Systems Security (Joint Meeting with EUROCAE WG–72).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 8–9, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. but ending at 3:00 p.m. on the last day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA Headquarters, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833–9339, fax at (202) 833–9434, or Web site <http://www.rtca.org> for directions.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of Special Committee 216.

This important plenary meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on the first day and to finish by 5:00 p.m. on the last day.

The main purpose of the meeting is to finalize disposition of any remaining public comments from the FRAC period on revised ED–202/DO–326 and ED–

204/DO-yy4, and to hold a committee vote on whether these two documents are ready for publication.

Eurocae WG-72 will meet simultaneously in Europe and hold their own vote. The two committees intend to communicate via teleconference during the meeting to ensure coordination.

**Logistical information:** Directions and Hotel information for RTCA is located on the Web site—<http://www.rtca.org>—Directions to RTCA.

**RSVP:** Please inform Derek Schatz ([derek.p.schatz@boeing.com](mailto:derek.p.schatz@boeing.com)), Dan Johnson ([daniel.p.johnson@honeywell.com](mailto:daniel.p.johnson@honeywell.com)), or Chuck Royalty ([chuck.royalty@boeing.com](mailto:chuck.royalty@boeing.com)) of your intention to attend the meeting. The agenda will include the following:

#### April 8

- Welcome (Committee chairs)
- Introductions, logistics
- Plenary Session:
  - Review/Approval of the Twenty-Second Meeting Summary, RTCA Paper No. 238-13/SC216-047.
  - RTCA PMC Report
  - FAA Status Report
  - Coordination between drafting groups
- Subgroup Breakouts—if needed
  - Review any remaining document comments

#### April 9

- Additional Subgroup Breakouts—if needed
  - Review Any Remaining Document Comments
- Reconvene Plenary for Status
  - Review Schedule
- Review/Approval—Revised DO-326—*Airworthiness Security Process Specification*, RTCA Paper No. 239-13/SC216-048.
- Review/Approval—New Document, *Information Security Guidance for Continuing Airworthiness*, RTCA Paper No. 240-13/SC216-049.
- Adjourn

**Note:** Subgroup 2 may continue to meet separately from this meeting on April 10th in order to continue work on DO-yy3/ED-203. Those interested in this document are encouraged to remain and participate.

Attendance is open to the interested 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 person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Twenty-First Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 214/EUROCAE WG-78: Standards for Air Traffic Data Communication Services

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

**ACTION:** RTCA Special Committee 214 held jointly with EUROCAE WG-78: Standards for Air Traffic Data Communication Services meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of twenty-first meeting of RTCA Special Committee 214 to be held jointly with EUROCAE WG-78: Standards for Air Traffic Data Communication Services.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 8-10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Airtel-ATN, Royal Marine Hotel (<http://royalmarine.ie/>), Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sophie Bousquet, 202-330-0663, [sbousquet@rtca.org](mailto:sbousquet@rtca.org) or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of Special Committee 214/EUROCAE WG-78: Standards for Air Traffic Data Communication Services. The agenda will include the following:

#### April 8

- Welcome, Introductions, & Administrative
- Remarks/Welcome/Introduction/ Administrative Remarks
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes of Plenary 20 and Review Action Item Status
- Coordination Activities
  - ICAO OPLINK
  - ICAO ACP, Status of PM-CPDLC &

- PM-ADS Technical Provisions
- Working Group/Special committee organization for future work
- Revision A to Baseline 2 Standards—ATC Winds service Report Study familiarization
- Revision A to Baseline 2 Standards—Dynamic-RNP service ConOps familiarization

#### April 9

- Revision A to Baseline 2 Standards—Dynamic-RNP impacts on documents
- Revision A to Baseline 2 Standards—Advance-IM service ConOps familiarization

#### April 10

- Approval of the Final version of Baseline 2 (Initial) documents
- Approval of the Final version of DO-281B/ED-92B Change 1 and DO-224C Change 1
- Status/discussions on ATN VDL2 issues
- Wrap-up and confirm high-level roadmap for Revision A to Baseline 2 standards
- Review need for upcoming meetings and approve dates and locations of Plenary and SG Meetings
- Any Other Business
- Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested 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 person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2014-0044]

#### Second National Maritime Strategy Symposium: Domestic Shipping Opportunities

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for agenda topics for a public meeting.