

Computation

Under the formula, the domestic employee coverage threshold amount for 2009 shall be equal to the 1995 amount of \$1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2007 to that for 1993. If the resulting amount is not a multiple of \$100, it shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of \$100.

Domestic Employee Coverage Threshold Amount

Multiplying the 1995 domestic employee coverage threshold amount (\$1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2007 (\$40,405.48) to that for 1993 (\$23,132.67) produces the amount of \$1,746.68. We then round this amount to \$1,700. Accordingly, the domestic employee coverage threshold amount is \$1,700 for 2009.

Election Worker Coverage Threshold*General*

The minimum amount an election worker must earn so that such earnings are covered under Social Security or Medicare is the election worker coverage threshold. For 2009, this threshold is \$1,500. Section 218(c)(8)(B) of the Act provides the formula for increasing the threshold.

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Under the formula, the election worker coverage threshold amount for 2009 shall be equal to the 1999 amount of \$1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2007 (\$40,405.48) to that for 1997 (\$27,426.00) produces the amount of \$1,473.25. We then round this amount to \$1,500. Accordingly, the election worker coverage threshold amount is \$1,500 for 2009.

Election Worker Coverage Threshold Amount

Multiplying the 1999 election worker coverage threshold amount (\$1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2007 (\$40,405.48) to that for 1997 (\$27,426.00) produces the amount of \$1,473.25. We then round this amount to \$1,500. Accordingly, the election worker coverage threshold amount is \$1,500 for 2009.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001, Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004, Social Security-Survivors Insurance; 96.006, Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: October 24, 2008.

Michael J. Astrue,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 6418]**

United States-Egypt Science and Technology Joint Board; Public Announcement of a Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants To Support International, Collaborative Projects in Science and Technology Between U.S. and Egyptian Cooperators

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 11, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Ahson, PhD, Program Administrator, U.S.-Egypt Science and Technology Grants Program, USAID/Cairo, Unit 64902, Box 5, APO AE 09839-4902; *phone:* 011-(20-2) 2522-6887; *fax:* 011-(20-2) 2522-7041; *E-mail:* stfund@usaid.gov.

The 2008 Program Announcement, including proposal guidelines for Competitive Grants to Support International, Collaborative Projects, will be available starting September 11, 2008 on the Joint Board Web site: <http://cairo.usembassy.gov/usegypt/grants.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin September 11, 2008. This program will provide modest grants for successfully competitive proposals for bi-national collaborative projects and other activities submitted by U.S. and Egyptian experts. Projects must help the United States and Egypt utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals which fully meet the submission requirements as outlined in the Program Announcement will receive peer reviews. Proposals considered for funding in fiscal year 2009 must be postmarked by November 15, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Chair of U.S.-Egypt S&T Joint Board, William Lawrence, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, U.S. Department of State at (202) 663-2619 or *e-mail:* LawrenceWA@state.gov.

Dated: October 23, 2008.

Robert S. Senseney,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 6416]**

United States-Egypt Science and Technology Joint Board; Public Announcement of a Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants To Support Junior Scientist Development Visits by U.S. and Egyptian Scientists

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 11, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Ahson, PhD, Program Administrator, U.S.-Egypt Science and Technology Grants Program, USAID/Cairo, Unit 64902, Box 5, APO AE 09839-4902; *phone:* 011 (20-2) 2522-6887; *fax:* 011 (20-2) 2522-7041; *E-mail:* stfund@usaid.gov.

The 2008 Program guidelines for Junior Scientist Development visits will be available starting September 11, 2008 on the Joint Board Web site: <http://cairo.usembassy.gov/usegypt/jrgrants.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin September 11, 2008. This program will provide modest grants for successfully competitive proposals for development visits by U.S. Junior Scientists to Egypt and Junior Egyptian Scientists to the United States. Applicants must be scientists who have received their PhD within the past ten years. U.S. applicants only may have a Master's degree or be currently enrolled in a PhD program. Applications considered for funding must be postmarked by November 15, 2008. All proposals which fully meet the submission requirements will be considered. More information and copies of the Program Announcement and Application may be obtained upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Chair of U.S.-Egypt S&T Joint Board William Lawrence, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, U.S. Department of State at (202) 663-2619 or *e-mail*: LawrenceWA@state.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Government/Industry Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Government/Industry Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Government/Industry Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 4, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, Columbia II Ballroom, 550 C Street, SW., Corner of 6th & C Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20024. (*Via Metro: L'Enfant Plaza Station, Use 7th & Maryland Exit*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <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., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for the Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting. The agenda will include:

- Opening Plenary (Welcome and Introductions).
 - Assessment of New York 77 Initiatives.
 - FAA Airspace Management Program Review.
 - NextGen Integration and Implementation.
 - Closing Plenary (Other Business, Establish 2009 Meeting Schedule, ATMAC Member Discussion, Adjourn).
- Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability.

With the approval of the chairmen, 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 24, 2008.

Francisco Estrada C.,

RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0629]

Operating Limitations for Unscheduled Operations at John F. Kennedy International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Disposition of Comments to Proposed Order.

SUMMARY: On July 17, 2008, the FAA issued a proposed order requesting written views on the FAA's tentative determination to temporarily limit unscheduled aircraft operations at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR). The temporary limit was intended to supplement previously issued FAA orders limiting scheduled operations at both airports by addressing congestion related delays that would otherwise occur pending the ongoing rulemaking action for JFK and EWR. This disposition of comments explains the FAA's rationale for not presently adopting the proposed order and discusses the comments received in response to the proposed order.

ADDRESSES: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket. Alternatively, go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions concerning this disposition of comments contact: Gerry Shakley, System Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization; telephone: (202) 267-9424; facsimile: (202) 267-7277; *e-mail*: gerry.shakley@faa.gov. For

legal questions concerning this disposition of comments contact: Rebecca B. MacPherson, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration; telephone: (202) 267-7240; facsimile: (202) 267-7971; *e-mail*: rebecca.macpherson@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

You may obtain an electronic copy using the Internet by:

- (1) Searching the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>);
- (2) Visiting the FAA's Regulations and Policies Web page at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/; or
- (3) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

You also may obtain a copy by sending a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Make sure to identify the amendment number or docket number of this rulemaking.

Discussion of Written Submissions and the Final Order

The FAA published the Notice of Proposed Order, “Operating Limitations for Unscheduled Operations at John F. Kennedy International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport,” on July 17, 2008. The FAA concludes that it is unnecessary to issue a final order because the limits proposed are imposed by a final rule, “Congestion Management Rule for John F. Kennedy International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport,” (“Final Rule”) issued on October 10, 2008.¹ However, if the Final Rule is rendered ineffective for any reason, the FAA may adopt the proposed order as final without an opportunity for further comment. Accordingly, the comments to the proposed order are discussed below.

The Notice requested comments on several aspects of the proposed order, as well as any general comments. The comment period closed on July 28, 2008. The FAA received one comment during the comment period and eleven additional comments after the closing date. These comments are from interested parties including airlines, all-cargo air carriers, a public charter operator, and industry organizations. Several commenters generally support the FAA's goal of reducing congestion at the New York area airports, and three commenters support the proposal in its entirety. Commenters opposing the

¹ 73 FR 60544.