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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Parts 121, 125, 127 and 134

RIN 3245-AF80

The Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Assistance Procedures—Eligible Industries

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Proposed rule, notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: SBA is reopening the comment period for an additional 60 days.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule on The Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Assistance Procedures—Eligible Industries, must be received on or before March 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by 3245-AF80, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, Hand Delivery/Courier:* Dean Koppel, Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Research, Office of Government Contracting, (202) 205-6460, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

- All comments will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you wish to submit confidential business information (CBI) as defined in the User Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov>, please submit the comments to Dean Koppel and highlight the information that you consider to be CBI and explain why you believe this information should be held confidential. SBA will make a final determination as to whether the comments will be published or not.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Koppel, Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Research, Office of Government Contracting, (202) 205-6460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 1, 2008, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a proposed rule on The Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Assistance Procedures—Eligible Industries (73 FR 57014). The proposed rule sought comments from the public on a data issue involving the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contract Assistance Procedures, which were finalized on October 1, 2008 (73 FR 56940). Specifically, SBA was seeking comments on two data sets: (1) The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) data set which was used in the RAND report to determine the representation of WOSBs in Federal procurement in the various industries, and (2) a non-public Survey of Business Owners (SBO) data set from the Economic Census, which was not previously used in the RAND report to determine the representation of WOSBs in Federal procurement in the various industries. This request for comments was intended to stimulate dialogue on available data sets and would be evaluated to determine which data set will provide the soundest basis to identify industries in which WOSBs are underrepresented in Federal procurement.

The original comment period was from October 1, 2008, through October 31, 2008. There is significant Congressional and public interest in extending the comment period. In addition, SBA is reviewing the relevance of the standard for disparity studies discussed in the Federal Circuit's decision in *Rothe Development Corporation v. Department of Defense*. Therefore, SBA is reopening the comment period until March 13, 2009. SBA believes that all affected parties would find it beneficial to have more time to review the proposed rule and prepare their comments.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 634.

Calvin Jenkins,

Acting Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2008-1364; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-103-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 series airplanes. This proposed AD would require modifying the control power wiring of the normal supply fan and the low flow sensor for the equipment cooling system of the electronic flight instrument system (EFIS). This proposed AD results from a report of loss of both the normal EFIS cooling supply and the indication of EFIS cooling loss due to a single failure of the battery bus, causing eventual power-down of the EFIS displays; the standby attitude indication is also powered by this battery bus. We are proposing this AD to prevent loss of all attitude indications from both the standby indicator and EFIS displays, which could decrease the ability of the flightcrew to maintain the safe flight and landing of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by February 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.