

committee participants, and detailed information about recruitment plans and advertising of program opportunities to eligible individuals and/or institutions. The narrative also should address the applicant's plan to encourage policy relevant research, methods for dissemination of research products, and plans for bringing Title VIII to the service of the U.S.

Government, where applicable.

Applicants who have received previous grants from the Title VIII Program should provide detailed information on the individual and institutional awards made, including, where applicable, names/affiliations of recipients, and amounts and types of awards. Applicants should specify both past and anticipated applicant to award ratios. A summary of the applicant's past grants under the Title VIII Program also should be included.

Proposals from national organizations involving language instruction programs should provide, for those programs supported in the past year, indications of progress achieved by Title VIII-funded students, information on the criteria for evaluation, including levels of instruction, degrees of intensiveness, facilities, methods for measuring language proficiency (including pre- and post-testing), instructors' qualifications, and budget information showing estimated costs per student.

Certifications: Applicants must include (1) a description of affirmative action policies and practices and (2) certifications of compliance with the provisions of: (a) the *Drug-Free Workplace Act* (Pub. L. 100-690), in accordance with Appendix C of 22 CFR 137, Subpart F; and (b) Section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 101-121), in accordance with Appendix A of 22 CFR 138, *New Restrictions on Lobbying Activities*.

Review Process: All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the program office, a grant review panel and the Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. Proposals also may be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Advisor or by other Department elements. Final funding decisions are at the discretion of the Department of State's Deputy Secretary. Final technical authority for grants resides with the Department of State's Grants Officers.

Review Criteria: Technically eligible proposals will be competitively reviewed according to the following criteria:

(1) **Quality of the Program Idea:** Proposals should be responsive to the guidelines provided in this request for

proposals, and should exhibit originality, substance, precision, and relevance to the State Department's mission, the legislation supporting the Title VIII Program, and the FREEDOM Support and SEED Acts.

(2) **Program Planning:** Program objectives should be stated clearly. Objectives should respond to priorities and address gaps in knowledge for particular fields and/or regions. A timeline outlining expected achievement of milestones should be included. Responsibilities of partner organizations, if any, should be described clearly.

(3) **Institutional Capacity:** Proposed personnel and selection committees should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program's goals. The proposal should reflect the applicant's expertise and knowledge in conducting national competitive award programs of the type the applicant proposes on the countries of Southeast Europe and/or Eurasia. Past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants will be considered.

(4) **Cost-Effectiveness and Cost-Sharing:** Overhead and administrative costs in the proposal budget should be kept to a minimum. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals should maximize cost-sharing, including in-kind assistance, through contributions from the applicant, partner organizations, as well as other private sector support. Cost-sharing should be included as a separate column in the budget request. Proposal budgets that do not provide cost-sharing will be deemed less competitive in this category.

(5) **Evaluation, Monitoring, Database, Reporting:** Proposals should include a plan to evaluate and monitor program successes and challenges. Methods for linking outcomes to program objectives are recommended. The proposal should address the applicant's willingness and ability to contribute to the alumni database. Successful applicants will be required to submit quarterly financial and program reports.

Part III

Available Funds: Funding for this program is subject to final Congressional action and the appropriation of FY 2004 funds. Funding may be available at a level of approximately \$5.0 million. In Fiscal Year 2003, the program was funded at \$5.0 million from the FREEDOM Support and SEED Acts, which funded grants to eight national organizations. The number of awards may vary each year, depending on the

level of funding and the quality of the applications submitted.

The Department legally cannot commit funds that may be appropriated in subsequent fiscal years. Thus multi-year projects cannot receive assured funding unless such funding is supplied out of a single year's appropriation. Grant agreements may permit the expenditure from a particular year's grant to be made up to three years after the grant's effective date.

The terms and conditions published in this Request for Proposals are binding and may not be modified by any Department representative. Issuance of the Request for Proposals does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the U.S. Government. The Department reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to arrange a consultation, contact Susie Baker, Title VIII Program Officer, E-mail: ACsbaker@us-state.osis.gov; Tel: (202) 647-0243, Fax: (202) 736-4851.

Dated: January 26, 2004.

Kenneth E. Roberts,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Commission

Presidential Determination on Provision of Aviation Insurance Coverage for Commercial Air Carrier Service in Domestic and International Operations

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the President has authorized the Federal Aviation Administration to replace the current practice of renewing U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) war risk aviation insurance policies at 60-day intervals and substitute a longer extension of policies, until August 31, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Rodgers, Director, APO-1, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-3274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since September of 2001, DOT/FAA have provided aviation war risk insurance and renewed the coverage in 60-day increments. By statute, DOT/FAA must continue to provide this insurance coverage until August 31, 2004. From a purely administrative perspective, the exchange of renewal documentation every 60 days with approximately 75 insured airlines and a large number of finance and leasing companies increases the chance for errors and omissions. Extending the duration until August 31, 2004 will eliminate excessive paper work and time pressure for all concerned.

Affected Public: Air Carriers who currently have Third Party War-Risk Insurance with the Federal Aviation Administration.

The text of the Memorandum from the President to the Secretary of Transportation is set forth below.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 16, 2004.

John Rodgers,

Director, Office of Aviation Policy and Plans.

Memorandum for the Secretary of Transportation

Subject: Provision of Aviation Insurance Coverage for Commercial Air Carrier Service in Domestic and International Operations

Title 3—Presidential Determination No. 2004–13 of December 11, 2003

By the authority vested in me by 49 U.S.C. 44302, *et seq.*, I hereby:

1. Determine that continuation of U.S.-flag commercial air service is necessary in the interest of air commerce, national security, and the foreign policy of the United States;

2. Approve provision by the Secretary of Transportation of Insurance or reinsurance to U.S.-flag air carriers against loss or damage arising out of any risk from the operation of an aircraft in the manner and to the extent provided in Chapter 443 of 49 U.S.C.:

(a) Until August 31, 2004;

(b) After August 31, 2004, but no later than December 31, 2004, when he determines that such insurance or reinsurance cannot be obtained on reasonable terms and conditions from any company authorized to conduct an insurance business in a State of the United States; and

3. Delegate to the Secretary of Transportation the authority, vested in me by 49 U.S.C. 44306(c), to extend this determination for additional periods beyond August 31, 2004, but no later than December 31, 2004, when he finds that the continued operation of aircraft to be insured or reinsured is necessary in the interest of air commerce or the national security, or to carry out the foreign policy of the United States Government.

You are directed to bring this determination immediately to the attention of all air carriers within the meaning of 49

U.S.C. 40102(2), and to arrange for its publication in the **Federal Register**.

George W. Bush

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by Snohomish County for Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et. seq* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is January 8, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Ossenkop, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton, WA, 98055–4056, telephone 425–227–2611. Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective January 8, 2004. Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. 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 take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by Snohomish County for Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport. The documentation that constitutes the “noise exposure maps” as defined in section 150.7 of part 150 includes the following from the September 2003, *Paine Field FAR Part 150 Noise Exposure Maps Update*:

- Figure 7 at page 19, Existing Noise Exposure Map, 2002/2003;
- Figure 8 at page 20 Future Noise Exposure Map, 2008;
- Figure 6 at page 12 Flight Tracks;
- Figure 5 at page 11 Noise Monitoring Sites;
- Table 1 at page 9 Summary of Aviation Forecasts 2002–2008’
- Tables 2 through 5 at pages 14–18 present flight track utilizations by runway and aircraft type;
- Figure 7 at page 18, Existing 2002 Noise Exposure Map, presents estimates of the number of persons residing with the DNL 55, 60, and 65 noise contours;
- Figure 8 at page 20, Future 2008 Noise Exposure Map, presents estimates of the number of persons residing with the DNL 55, 60, and 65 noise contours;
- Pages 20 through 24 and the Appendix present consultation details.
- The year of submission (2003) airport operations data is equivalent to the submitted existing condition Noise Exposure Map (2002) operations data and the five-year forecast Noise Exposure Map is reasonable.
- There are no properties on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places within the DNL 65 contour.

The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on January 8, 2004.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be