

- GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels
- Revision of the Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management (MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.2) and identification of next steps to enhance maritime cybersecurity
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- Unsafe mixed migration by sea
- Formal safety assessment
- Ship system and equipment (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Navigation, communications and search and rescue (Report of the eleventh session of the Sub-Committee)
- Carriage of cargoes and containers (Urgent matters emanating from the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Implementation of IMO Instruments (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Pollution Prevention and Response (Report of the eleventh session of the Sub-Committee)
- Domestic ferry safety
- Application of the Committee's method of work
- Work programme
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee on its 109th session

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the MSC 109 agenda to accommodate any constraints associated with the meeting. Although no changes to the agenda are anticipated, if any are necessary, they will be provided to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Emily K. Rowan at Emily.K.Rowan@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 no later than November 12, 2024, 14 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after November 12, 2024, might not be able to be accommodated. The meeting coordinator will provide the teleconference information, facilitate the building security process, and requests for reasonable accommodation. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon advanced request).

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656 and 5 U.S.C. 552)

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 22)]

Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancy

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board (Board).

ACTION: Notice of vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) and solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Board hereby gives notice of a vacancy on RSTAC for a small shipper representative. The Board seeks nominations for candidates to fill this vacancy.

DATES: Nominations are due on November 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Nominations may be submitted via e-filing on the Board's website at www.stb.gov. Submissions will be posted to the Board's website under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 22).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Dalton at (771) 201-1070. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board, created in 1996 to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates and service (49 U.S.C. 10701-47, 11101-24), the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-07), as well as railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-27).

The ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), enacted on December 29, 1995, established RSTAC to advise the Board's Chair; the Secretary of Transportation; the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with respect to rail

transportation policy issues RSTAC considers significant. RSTAC focuses on issues of importance to small shippers and small railroads, including car supply, rates, competition, and procedures for addressing claims. ICCTA instructs RSTAC to endeavor to develop private sector mechanisms to prevent, or identify and address, obstacles to the most effective and efficient transportation system practicable. The members of RSTAC also prepare an annual report concerning RSTAC's activities. RSTAC is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RSTAC's 15 appointed members consist of representatives of small and large shippers, and small and large railroads. These members are appointed by the Board's Chair. In addition, members of the Board and the Secretary of Transportation serve as ex officio members. Of the 15 appointed members, nine are voting members and are appointed from senior executive officers of organizations engaged in the railroad and rail shipping industries. At least four of the voting members must be representatives of small shippers as determined by the Board's Chair, and at least four of the voting members must be representatives of Class II or III railroads. The remaining voting member has traditionally been an at-large representative. The other six members—three representing Class I railroads and three representing large shipper organizations—serve in a nonvoting, advisory capacity, but may participate in RSTAC deliberations.

Meetings of RSTAC are required by statute to be held at least semi-annually. RSTAC typically holds meetings quarterly at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, although some meetings are held virtually or in other locations.

The members of RSTAC receive no compensation for their services and are required to provide for the expenses incidental to their service, including travel expenses. Currently, RSTAC members have elected to submit annual dues to pay for RSTAC expenses.

RSTAC members must be citizens of the United States and represent as broadly as practicable the various segments of the railroad and rail shipper industries. They may not be full-time employees of the United States Government. According to revised guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget, it is permissible for federally registered lobbyists to serve on advisory committees, such as RSTAC, as long as they do so in a representative capacity, rather than an individual capacity. See

Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Fed. Advisory Comms., Bds., & Comm'ns, 79 FR 47,482 (Aug. 13, 2014). Members of RSTAC are appointed to serve in a representative capacity.

Each RSTAC member is appointed for a term of three years. No member will be eligible to serve in excess of two consecutive terms. However, a member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor has taken office.

Due to the expiration of an RSTAC member's term, a vacancy exists for a small shipper representative. Nominations for candidates to fill the vacancy should be submitted in letter form, identifying the name of the candidate, providing a summary of why the candidate is qualified to serve on RSTAC, and containing representations that the candidate is willing to serve as an RSTAC member effective immediately upon appointment. Candidates may nominate themselves. The Board's Chair is committed to having a committee reflecting diverse communities and viewpoints and strongly encourages the nomination of candidates from diverse backgrounds. RSTAC candidate nominations should be filed with the Board by November 18, 2024. Members selected to serve on RSTAC are chosen at the discretion of the Board's Chair.

Please note that submissions will be posted on the Board's website under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 22) and can also be obtained by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at RCPA@stb.gov or (202) 245-0238.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1325.

Decided: October 18, 2024.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No: FAA-2024-2434]

Notice of Virtual Meeting With Industry

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of virtual meeting for Prospective Manufacturers of Airborne Position Reference Tools (APRT).

SUMMARY: The FAA is holding a virtual industry event to educate companies

interested in manufacturing supplemental surveillance tools to increase airborne situational awareness. These "Airborne Position Reference Tools" (APRTs) will be available for purchase and operation by non-federal entities (e.g., airport authorities). APRTs are intended for use in air traffic control towers that are staffed by non-federally employed controllers and not equipped with Standard Terminal Automation Replacement Systems (STARS).

DATES: Wednesday December 11, 2024; 1:30-4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schoen, Advanced Systems Design Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-9841; email: michael.j.schoen@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Statutory authority

The FAA is authorized to regulate aviation technologies that are manufactured for operation by non-federal entities in the National Airspace System (NAS). (49 U.S.C. 44708; 40102(4)(c).) The Advanced Systems Design Service is tasked to assess the suitability of technologies that industry proposes for non-federal use in the NAS. (14 CFR part 171.75.)

II. Background

Please join the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for a virtual industry event to educate companies interested in manufacturing and selling supplemental surveillance tools to increase airborne situational awareness. These "Airborne Position Reference Tools" (APRTs) will be available for purchase and operation by non-federal entities (e.g., airport authorities). They are intended for use in air traffic control towers that are staffed by non-federally employed controllers and not equipped with Standard Terminal Automation Replacement Systems (STARS).

The FAA does not operate every Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) in the National Airspace System (NAS). Some towers are staffed by non-federally employed controllers, either via the FAA Contract Tower (FCT) program, or with non-federal funding. A number of these "non-FAA" towers do not have a Certified Tower Radar Display (i.e., STARS). Without radar data the controllers at those towers must rely on their own visual observations, and their radio communications with pilots. Many of these towers desire a tool that supplements situational awareness by providing controllers with a digital picture of their airspace.

APRTs may only be used to supplement controllers' visual observations, and their radio communications with pilots. APRTs may not be used as the basis for maintaining separation between aircraft and they may not connect to FAA networks and/or FAA equipment.

The FAA is not conducting an acquisition for APRTs. Sponsors who want to procure and operate an APRT must purchase FAA approved systems/services. The FAA has developed minimum requirements that prospective manufacturers must meet and an approval process they must follow. Multiple vendors' systems/services may be approved for non-federal use under the APRT umbrella.

On Wednesday December 11th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. the FAA will virtually brief that information to interested parties and entertain questions. We will also announce the date on which prospective manufacturers may submit their design approval requests.

III. How To Register for This Event

This event will be held via video conference. Please use the following link to register for an event invitation: <https://liveeventsfaa.wufoo.com/forms/industry-day-for-airborne-position-reference-tools/>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 9, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[FAA-2024-2488]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: "Generic Clearance for Customer Interactions"

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. Customer Interactions provide the Federal Aviation Administration valuable information and connect the agency to the public.