

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****User Input to the Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA will hold an informal public meeting to seek aviation weather user input. Details: June 11, 2003; Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Conference Room 8A. The objective of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested aviation weather users to provide input on FAA's plans for implementing new weather products.

DATES: The meeting will be held in Conference Room 8A at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence, Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591. Times: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. on June 11, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debi Bacon, Aerospace Weather Policy Division, ARS-100, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number (202) 385-7705; Fax: (202) 385-7701; e-mail: debi.bacon@faa.gov. Internet address <http://www.debi.bacon@faa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**History**

In 1999, the FAA established an Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board to manage the orderly transfer of weather capabilities and products from research and development into operations. The Director of the Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff, ARS-20, chairs the AWTT Board. The board is composed of stakeholders in Air Traffic Services, ATS: Regulation and Certification, AVR; and Research and Acquisitions, ARA in the Federal Aviation Administration and the Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services, OS and the Office of Science and Technology, OST in the National Weather Service.

The AWTT Board meets semi-annually or as needed, to determine the readiness of weather research and development (R&D) products for experimental use, full operational use for meteorologists or full operational use for end users. The board's determinations will be based upon criteria in the following areas: users

needs; benefits; costs; risks; technical readiness; operational readiness and budget requirements.

The user interface process is designed to allow FAA to both report progress and receive feedback from industry users. Each AWTT board meeting will be preceded by a half-day industry review session approximately one month prior to each board meeting. These industry review sessions will be announced in the **Federal Register** and open to all interested parties.

This meeting is the industry review session intended to receive feedback on a weather R&D product that will be presented for consideration at the July 2003 AWTT Board meeting. The products to be considered are the Forecast Inflight Icing Potential (FIP) and the Graphic Area Forecast (GFA).

Meeting Procedures

(a) The meeting will be informal in nature and will be conducted by representatives of the FAA Headquarters.

(b) The meeting will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a meeting site with sufficient seating capacity for the expected participation. There will be neither admission fee nor other charge to attend and participate. Any person attending must present picture identification to the building security guards for admission. Person with government-issued identification cards will be directed to conference room 8A. Persons without government-issued identification cards will be admitted but must be escorted by FAA personnel while within the building.

(c) FAA headquarters personnel will conduct an overview briefing on how the AWTT system works and changes to the process made in the last year. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the process that is not clear.

(d) FAA personnel, will present a briefing on the specific products to be review at the July 2003 AWTT Board Meeting. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the presentation that is not clear.

(e) Any person present may give feedback on the products to be presented. Feedback on the proposed products will be captured through discussion between FAA personnel and any persons attending the meeting. The meeting will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape recordings may be made of the presentations to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(f) An official verbatim transcript of minutes of the informal meeting will not be made. However, a list of the attendees, a digest of discussions during the meeting and an action item list will be produced. Any person attending may receive a copy of the written information upon request to the information contact, above.

(g) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear each person's feedback consistent with a reasonable closing time for the meeting. Written feedback may also be submitted to FAA personnel for up to seven (7) days after the close of the meeting.

Agenda

- (a) Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures
- (b) Briefing on AWTT Process
- (c) Briefing on Weather Products
- (d) Request for User Input
- (e) Closing Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****In-flight Icing/Ground De-icing International Conference**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of conference.

SUMMARY: The FAA issues this notice to advise the public of an In-flight Icing/Ground De-icing International Conference to present information and receive comments on: (1) Aircraft de/anti-icing during ground operations; (2) In-flight icing; (3) Icing environment meteorology; (4) Rotorcraft; (5) Ice detectors and airplane performance monitors; (6) Training for in-flight icing and aircraft de/anti-icing during ground operations; and (7) Regulations and guidance material development. This notice announces the dates, times, location, and registration information for the conference.

DATES: The conference is scheduled for June 16 through June 20, 2003, starting at 1 p.m. on June 16, and 8:30 a.m. on June 17 through June 20. The conference will end at 5:30 p.m. daily, except for the last day when the conference will end at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 E.

Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, USA, Telephone: (312) 726-7500, fax (312) 917-1707.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Eugene G. Hill, FAA Certification, ANM-11N, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4058; e-mail eugene.hill@faa.gov; telephone (425) 227-1293; fax (425) 917-6590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 2003 conference is a collaborative effort of the FAA, the Joint Aviation Authorities, Transport Canada, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Glenn Research Center, the American Helicopter Society, the Meteorological Service of Canada, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, QINETIQ, and the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE).

The agenda for the conference includes presentations of the seven (7) topics identified in the Summary section of this notice, as well as a SAE sponsored exhibition of icing-related equipment and services on open display throughout the conference.

Persons planning to attend this conference may register at the conference or via the Internet at: <http://www.sae.org/icing-deicing/>. The registration fee is US \$265, which includes the lunches on June 17 through June 19, and beverages during the technical session breaks.

A block of rooms is being held until May 31, at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. You may make reservations by calling the hotel at (312) 726-7500, and reference the SAE/FAA In-flight Icing/Ground De-icing International Conference, or by mailing or faxing (312-917-1707) a completed registration form provided at: <http://www.sae.org/icing-deicing/>, directly to the hotel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Strafford and Rockingham Counties, New Hampshire

AGENCY: Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an

environmental impact statement (EIS) is being prepared for a proposed highway project in Strafford and Rockingham Counties, New Hampshire.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William F. O'Donnell, P.E., Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 279 Pleasant Street, Suite 204, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-7502, Telephone: (603) 228-3057, x 145, or Mr. William R. Hauser, Administrator, Bureau of Environment, New Hampshire Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 483, John O. Morton Building, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483, Telephone: (603) 271-3226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal for construction on an approximate 3.5-mile section of an existing highway facility (Spaulding Turnpike, NH Route 16, extending north from the Gosling Road/Pease Boulevard Interchange (Exit 1) in the Town of Newington, across the Little Bay Bridges, to a point just south of the existing toll facility in the City of Dover) that serves as a major north-south transportation link for the State of New Hampshire.

The proposed action would improve safety and increase transportation efficiency by relieving traffic congestion and reducing travel time, and accommodate projected increases in traffic demand.

Alternatives to be considered include (1) taking no action; (2) upgrading the existing route (approximately 3.5 miles in length) to add capacity; (3) applying Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures, such as carpool parking lots, high occupancy vehicle lanes, etc.; (4) applying Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements to selected interchange locations on existing roads; and (5) combinations of these alternatives. Various options for bridge rehabilitation, widening, and/or replacement of the Little Bay Bridges, final disposition of the historic General Sullivan Bridge, consolidation of the interchanges, and various designs of grade, alignment, and geometry will be evaluated.

Public informational, community and Advisory Task Force meetings will be held in the study area as the project progresses to include public input in the project development process. A public hearing will be held following distribution of the Draft Environmental

Impact Statement (DEIS). Public notice will be given regarding the time and location of this hearing. The DEIS will be available for review and comment by the public and interested agencies prior to the public hearing.

A formal scoping meeting has been scheduled and will be held at 4 p.m. on June 25, 2003, at the Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road in Newington, New Hampshire. At this session, an overview of the project area will be presented and the purpose and need of the project will be discussed. The purpose of this meeting is to (1) reaffirm the limits of the project study area; (2) refine the study framework and the impacts to be analyzed; and (3) define a reasonable range of alternatives to be considered.

Agencies, requested to become cooperating agencies, are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the new Hampshire State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department (NHF&GD), the New Hampshire Office of State Planning (OSP), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS).

To ensure the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposal and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or the NHDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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