

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending April 14, 2000**

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7231.

Date Filed: April 11, 2000.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 2, 2000.

Description: Application of Air-Serv, Inc. d/b/a AirServ ("AirServ") pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102, Parts 201, 204 and Subpart B, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to authorize it to engage in foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7232.

Date Filed: April 11, 2000.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 2, 2000.

Description: Application of Air-Serv, Inc. d/b/a AirServ ("AirServ") pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102, Parts 201, 204 and Subpart B, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in interstate charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7251.

Date Filed: April 13, 2000.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 4, 2000.

Description: Application of C.A.L. Cargo Air Lines Ltd. ("C.A.L.") pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302, Part 211.20 and Subpart B, applies for an initial foreign air carrier permit to provide foreign air transportation of property and mail between Tel Aviv and New York (JFK)/Chicago (O'Hare) via Luxembourg and Gander, Newfoundland and to provide all cargo foreign air transportation under charter

pursuant to the provisions of 14 CFR Part 212.

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Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Federal Railroad Administration****Federal Transit Administration****Office of the Secretary of Transportation****Applications for TIFIA Credit Assistance**

AGENCIES: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds inviting applications for credit assistance for major surface transportation projects.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) created the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA). The TIFIA authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide credit assistance in the form of secured (direct) loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees to public and private sponsors of eligible surface transportation projects. The TIFIA regulations (49 CFR part 80, as published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 105, on Wednesday, June 2, 1999) provide specific guidance on the program requirements.

Although the DOT is currently contemplating revisions to the regulations, the Final Rule as published in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 1999 remains applicable to this notice.

Funding for this program is limited, and projects requesting assistance will be evaluated and selected by the DOT on a competitive basis. Following selections, term sheets will be issued and credit agreements will be developed through negotiations between the project sponsors and the DOT. The DOT expects that approximately \$81 million in net budget authority will be available in fiscal year 2000 to fund the subsidy costs of up to approximately \$1.673 billion in Federal credit assistance.

DATES: For consideration in this application cycle, letters of interest must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 31, 2000. The deadline for receipt of the completed application and the non-refundable \$5,000 application fee is 4:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 5, 2000. Applications received in the offices of the DOT after that date and time will not be considered. Applications sent to the DOT electronically or by facsimile will not be accepted. Applicants should refer to the TIFIA Application for Federal Credit Assistance, which specifies the number of hard copies (plus original) required for each section of the application as well as those sections of the application requiring electronic versions.

ADDRESSES: Both the letters of interest and completed applications should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stephanie Kaufman, Office of Budget and Program Performance, Department of Transportation, Room 10105, B-10, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FHWA: Mr. Max Inman, Office of Budget and Finance, Federal-Aid Financial Management Division, (202) 366-0673; FRA: Ms. JoAnne McGowan, Office of Passenger and Freight Services, Freight Program Division, (202) 493-6390; FTA: Mr. Paul Marx, Office of Policy Development, (202) 366-1734; OST: Ms. Stephanie Kaufman, Office of Budget and Program Performance, (202) 366-9649; Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may use TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Additional information, including the TIFIA program guide and application materials, can be obtained from the TIFIA web site at <http://tifa.fhwa.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Types of Credit Assistance Available**

The DOT may provide credit assistance in the form of secured (direct) loans, loan guarantees, and lines of credit. These types of credit assistance are defined in 23 U.S.C. 181 and 49 CFR 80.3.

Program Funding and Limitations on Assistance

The TIFIA provides annual funding levels for both total credit amounts (*i.e.*, the total principal amounts that may be committed in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees, or lines of credit) and subsidy amounts (*i.e.*, the amounts of