

complaint corrective actions) associated with meeting the criteria of a Qualified Internet Communication Provider (QICP) for the transmission of aviation weather, Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), and aeronautical data via the Internet.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Steven Albersheim, Federal Aviation Administration, Aerospace Weather Policy Division, ARS-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judy Street, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division (APF-100), 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591, or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Criteria for Internet Communications of Aviation Weather, NOTAM, and Aeronautical Data.

*Abstract:* Aviation weather information is available on the Internet from a variety of government and vendor sources with minimal quality control. Users of the National Airspace System (NAS), dispatchers, pilots, and air traffic controllers/specialists have expressed interest in the ability to utilize the Internet to retrieve aviation weather text and graphic products for operational decision-making. The FAA is in the process of establishing criteria in an Advisory Circular (AC) for QICPs, who disseminate aviation weather, NOTAM, and aeronautical data via the Internet, for the purpose of ensuring the reliability, accessibility and security of the data and encouraging the identification of the approval status of products. A proposed AC will provide information on QICP criteria and recommended practices as well as the procedures for a provider to become a QICP. The FAA Aerospace Weather Standards Division (ARS-200) will maintain a current list of all QICPs on a designated Web page accessible by the general public.

A person or organization, at their option, may be designated as a QICP by meeting the criteria as listed in the AC. The criteria address such attributes as reliability, accessibility, and security and encourage the QICP to provide FAA with semi-annual reports of performance statistics. In addition, the FAA is recommending that QICPs should maintain a retrievable archive of Web server log files as well as data received and provided in each user transaction for a period of no less than 15 days. The purpose is to be able to retrieve information provided by/to a

user in the event of an aircraft incident or accident. The QICP should make this data available in the form of a readable certified true copy upon request of the FAA, the National Transportation Safety Board or a Federal, state or local law enforcement agency.

To help the public know who is a QICP, the FAA plans to maintain a list of applicants who meet the criteria in the AC. Users of the NAS are encouraged to utilize services of qualified providers who are on the FAA list to ensure that they are accessing secure data. Further, the FAA plans to propose in a soon to be issued draft policy statement, that persons who conduct operations under Title 14 of the code of Federal Regulations parts 121 and 135 will not be permitted to use Internet communications for aeronautical decision making unless they obtain authorization from the Administrator, in their operations specifications. Such authorization will enable use of a QICP for Internet transmission of aeronautical data, NOTAM, and aviation weather information that will be used to determine whether to issue a dispatch or flight release for the operation of flights under those regulations.

For record keeping purposes, QICP applicants are requested to provide the following:

(1) Submit a letter of application to ARS-200 with the following attachments:

- (a) Service Description
- (b) Security Plan
- (c) Capability Demonstration Plan
- (d) Ongoing Maintenance Plan

(2) Satisfactorily complete the Capability Demonstration.

Semi-annually, QICPs should demonstrate ongoing maintenance by collecting facility performance statistics and providing them to the Aerospace Weather Standards Division (ARS-200). Additionally, QICPs should acknowledge and address user complaints within 14 days of receipt, and forward user complaints to the staff within 30 days of receipt with an explanation of actions taken.

*Description and number of proposed respondents:* It is anticipated that a limited number of applicants will elect to submit the requested information to become a QICP. It is estimated that the number of applicants will be 10.

*Burden hours:* It is estimated that each QICP applicant will require 568 hours for the initial application and 274 hours for each subsequent year. In total it is estimated that it will take 5,680 hours for the first year and 2,740 hours each subsequent year for renewal of their status of being a QICP.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Therefore, the FAA is soliciting comments to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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**Steve Hopkins,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA Program Management Committee

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Program Management Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the RTCA Program Management Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 13, 2001 starting at 9:00 am.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L. Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L. Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Program Management Committee meeting. The agenda will include:

**September 13**

- Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/ Approve Summary of Previous Meeting)
- Publication Consideration/Approval:
  - Final Draft, *Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) of the Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (R) Service (AMS(R)S as Used in Aeronautical Data Links*, RTCA Paper No. 194–01/PMC–156, prepared by SC–165.
  - Final Draft, *Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for Aircraft VDL Mode 3 Transceiver Operating in the Frequency Range 117.975–137.000 MHz*, prepared by SC–172, RTCA Paper No. 190–01/PMC–154.
  - Final Draft, Change 1, DO–224A, *Signal-in-Space Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for Advanced VHF Digital Data Communications Including Compatibility with Digital Voice Techniques*, RTCA Paper No. 212–01/PMC–160, prepared by SC–172.
  - Final Draft, DO–248B, Final Annual Report for Clarification of DO–178B *Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification*, RTCA Paper No. 224–01/PMC–162, prepared by Joint Committee SC–190/WG–52.
  - Final Draft, *User Requirements for Aerodrome Mapping Information*, RTCA Paper No. 191–01/PMC–155, prepared by Joint Committee SC–193–WG–44.
  - Final Draft, *Response to the Report of the RTCA Chairman's Committee on NEXCOM*, RTCA Paper No. 243–01/PMC–166, prepared by SC–198.
  - Final Draft, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Integrated Night Vision Imaging System Equipment, RTCA Paper No. 238–01/PMC–164, prepared by SC–196.
- Discussion
  - Special Committee 188, High Frequency Data Link; Request for Extension of due date.
  - Special Committee 189, NEXCOM; Update to Terms of Reference.
  - Special Committee 147, TCAS; Proposed Additional Tasking.
  - Special Committee Chairman's Report.
- Action Item Review
  - Action Item 05–01, Recommendation for a Multi-Function Display.
  - Action Item 06–01, Modular Avionics Special Committee to work jointly with EUROCAE Working Group.

- Closing Session (Other Business, Document Production, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)
 

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Janice L. Peters,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

**RTCA Special Committee 193/  
EUROCAE Working Group 44: Terrain  
and Airport Databases**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 193/ EUROCAE Working Group 44: Terrain and Airport Databases.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 10–14, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Hotel Mercure Bordeaux Airport, 1 Av Charles Lindbergh, Merignac, France 33700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting. The agenda will include:

**September 10**

- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/ Approval of Meeting Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting)

- Presentations/Discussions of formation of new Subgroup 4 (Database Exchange Format); Introduction of new Subgroup 4 Chairman
- Subgroup 2 (Terrain and Obstacle Database)
  - Review past minutes and actions; Presentations; Review of draft document; Begin Final Review and Comment (FRAC) process for Standards for Terrain and Obstacle Databases document.
- Subgroup 4 (Database Exchange Format)
  - Begin new subgroup 4; Establish goals and objectives for new subgroup; Start work on new document.

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- Subgroups 2 and 4 continue discussions
- Plenary Forms
  - Complete FRAC process and achieve plenary consensus for the Standards for Terrain and Obstacle Databases document.

**September 14**

- Closing Plenary Session (Summary of Subgroups 2 and 4 meetings, Assign Tasks, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

**Environmental Impact Statement: Dane  
County, Wisconsin**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

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