

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Other Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing (Drones and Aircraft Launching Equipment).

The basis for waiver is that no small business manufacturers are supplying this class of product to the Federal government. The effect of a waiver would be to allow otherwise qualified regular dealers to supply the products of any manufacturer on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses; service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses or SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program.

DATE: This waiver is effective July 8, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), requires that recipients of Federal contracts set aside for small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, or SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.406(b). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.1202(c), in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on six-digit coding systems. The first coding system is the Office of Management and Budget North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The second is the Product and Service Code required as a data entry field by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The SBA received a request on May 2, 2008, to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Other Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing

(Drones, Miscellaneous Aircraft Accessories and Components, and Aircraft Launching Equipment).

In response, on May 16, 2008, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Other Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing (Drones and Aircraft Launching Equipment). SBA explained in the notice that it was soliciting comments and sources of small business manufacturers of this class of products. One comment was received regarding our intent to waive Miscellaneous Aircraft Accessories and Components, Product Service Code 1680. Based on the information in that comment, SBA has determined that there are small business manufacturers of Product Service Code 1680 and will not be granting a waiver. No comments were received regarding Product Service Codes 1550 and 1720, therefore SBA is granting the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Other Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing (Drones and Aircraft Launching Equipment) NAICS code 336413, Product Service Codes 1550 and 1720.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17).

Karen Hontz,

Director for Government Contracting.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6273]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-3083, Training Registration (for Non-U.S. Government Persons), OMB Control No. 1405-0145

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Training Registration (for Non-U.S. Government Persons).
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0145.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Foreign Service Institute, FSI/EX.

- *Form Number:* DS-3083.
- *Respondents:* Respondents are non-U.S. government persons and/or their eligible family members, authorized by Public Law 105-277 to receive training delivered by the Foreign Service Institute on a reimbursable or advance-of-funds basis.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 100.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 0.5.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 50.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from June 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: oshimawa@state.gov.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Foreign Service Institute, Office of Management, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-4201.
- Fax: 703-302-7227.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Wayne A. Oshima, Foreign Service Institute, Office of Management, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-4201, who may be reached on 703-302-6730 or at oshimawa@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

This data collection tool is to be used to obtain information from non-U.S. Government persons so that they can enroll in courses offered by the

Department of State's Foreign Service Institute. This includes information of a personal and business nature, and credit card information so that the Department can receive reimbursement.

Methodology

This information will be collected in hard copy format, which is either mailed or transmitted by facsimile machine to the Foreign Service Institute.

Dated: June 9, 2008.

Catherine J. Russell,

Executive Director, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State.

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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 B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending May 16, 2008

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations. (See 14 CFR 301.201 *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: DOT-OST-2008-0127.

Date Filed: May 14, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: May 30, 2008.

Description: Application of Kalitta Air, L.L.C. (Kalitta) for (1) a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between a point or point(s) in the United States and a point or point(s) in China, via intermediate points, and beyond China to any point or points; (2) designation as the additional U.S.-flag all-cargo carrier permitted effective March 25, 2009; and (3) allocation of 10 of the 15 all-cargo frequencies that become available March 25, 2009.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0162.

Date Filed: May 15, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: June 5, 2008.

Description: Joint Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta"), Northwest Airlines, Inc. ("Northwest") and Northwest's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Compass Airlines, Inc. ("Compass") and Mesaba Aviation, Inc. ("Mesaba") (collectively, the "Joint Applicants") requesting that the Department transfer all of the certificates of public convenience and necessity, exemptions, statements of authorizations, frequency allocations, designations and related authorities held by Northwest, Compass, and Mesaba. The Joint Applicants also request the Department's approval of the final transfer of international authority that will occur upon the ultimate merger of Delta and Northwest.

Renee V. Wright,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP)

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5207 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) established the Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP). The general objective of the STEP is to improve understanding of the complex relationship between surface transportation, planning, and the environment. SAFETEA-LU provides \$16.875 million per year for fiscal years (FY) 2006-2009 to implement this new cooperative research program. The STEP is the primary source of funds to conduct all Federal Highway Administration research on planning and environmental issues. In addition, Congress mandated several special studies and STEP will be the funding source for those projects.

The purpose of this notice is to announce revisions to the STEP implementation strategy for FY 2009 and to request suggested lines of research for the FY 2009 STEP via the STEP Web site at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/index.htm>.

DATES: Suggestions for lines of research should be submitted to the STEP Web site on or before September 22, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Felicia Young, Office of Interstate and Border Planning, (202) 366-1263, Felicia.young@fhwa.dot.gov; or Wil Baccus, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1396; Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this notice may be downloaded from the Office of the **Federal Register's** home page at <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's Web site at <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

Background

Section 5207 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Pub. L. 109-59, Aug. 10, 2005), established the Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program. The STEP is a new cooperative research program for environment and planning research created in section 507 of Title 23, United States Code, Highways (23 U.S.C. 507). The general objective of the STEP is to improve understanding of the complex relationship between surface transportation, planning, and the environment.

SAFETEA-LU established five priority areas for STEP research. These priority funding areas include: (1) Develop more accurate models for evaluating transportation control measures and system designs for use by State and local governments to meet environmental requirements; (2) improve understanding of transportation demand factors; (3) develop indicators of economic, social, and environmental performance of transportation systems to facilitate alternatives analysis; (4) meet additional priorities as determined by the Secretary in the strategic planning process identified in section 5208 of SAFETEA-LU; and (5) refine the scope and research emphases through outreach and in consultation with stakeholders.

Congestion reduction also has been identified as a priority research area for the strategic planning process identified in section 5208 of SAFETEA-LU and is a key element of other STEP priority research areas. Therefore, in addition to the aforementioned research priorities, the STEP will also address research