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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### 13 CFR Parts 121 and 124

RIN 3245-AFS3

#### Small Business Size Regulations; 8(a) Business Development/Small Disadvantaged Business Status Determinations

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On October 28, 2009, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA or Agency) proposed changes to its 8(a) Business Development (8(a) BD) and Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) programs as well as its size regulations. The rule proposes to make a number of changes to the regulations governing the 8(a) BD and SDB programs, and several changes to SBA's size regulations. Some of the changes involve technical issues. Other changes are more substantive and result from SBA's experience in implementing the current regulations. SBA requested comments on the various approaches for the proposed changes in the proposed rulemaking. The proposed rule provided a 60-day comment period closing on December 28, 2009.

SBA is extending the comment period an additional 30 days to January 28, 2010. We are extending the comment period because SBA believes that affected businesses need more time to adequately respond.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule published on October 28, 2009 (74 FR 55694), is extended until January 28, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by RIN: 3245-AF53, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail, for paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions:* Joseph Loddo, Associate Administrator, Office of Business

Development, 409 Third Street, SW., Mail Code, Washington, DC 20416.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Joseph Loddo, Associate Administrator, Office of Business Development, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

SBA will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you wish to submit confidential business information (CBI) as defined in the User Notice at <http://www.Regulations.gov>, please submit the information to LeAnn Delaney, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Business Development, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, or send an e-mail to [leann.delaney@sba.gov](mailto:leann.delaney@sba.gov). Highlight the information that you consider to be CBI and explain why you believe SBA should hold this information as confidential. SBA will review the information and make the final determination of whether it will publish the information or not.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LeAnn Delaney, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Business Development, at (202) 205-5852, or [leann.delaney@sba.gov](mailto:leann.delaney@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 28, 2009 (74 FR 55694-01), SBA issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). In that document, SBA proposed to make a number of changes to the regulations governing the 8(a) BD and SDB programs, and several changes to SBA's size regulations. Some of the changes involve technical issues. Other changes are more substantive and result from SBA's experience in implementing the current regulations. SBA proposes to make a number of changes to the regulations governing the 8(a) BD program and six related changes to the size regulations. SBA requested comments on the various approaches for the proposed changes. Initially, SBA established a sixty (60) day public comment period for its NPRM, with a closing date of December 28, 2009. SBA has decided to extend the comment period due to the significance of the rule.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) hereby provides notice that it is extending the public comment period for its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by thirty (30) days. Comments must be received no later than January 28, 2010. Given the scope of the proposal and the nature of the issues raised by the comments received to date, SBA

believes that affected businesses need more time to review the proposal and prepare their comments. Additionally, SBA will hold a series of public hearings and tribal consultations on this NPRM in certain cities throughout the country, beginning in December 2009, and anticipates receiving comments throughout the public hearing process.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 632, 634(b)(6), 636(b), 637(a), 644 and 662(5); and Public Law 105-135, sec. 401 *et seq.*, 111 Stat. 2592.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2009-1080; Airspace Docket No. 09-AGL-13]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Proposed Modification of Jet Routes J-32, J-38, and J-538; Minnesota

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to modify Jet Routes J-32 and J-38 by terminating portions of the routes at the Duluth, MN, VHF omnidirectional range/tactical air navigation (VORTAC) that are no longer needed. This action also would amend the J-538 airway description to align it with the corresponding segment of J-538 contained in Canadian airspace. This action is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations within the National Airspace System (NAS).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 25, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001; telephone: (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2009-1080 and