

applicant for making a protected disclosure. If you believe you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you have the right to file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's Complaints Examining Unit (OSC Form 11, Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice), at 1730 M Street NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505. OSC Form 11 can be downloaded from the OSC Web site at <http://www.osc.gov> (from under the filing tab), or you may contact the Complaints Examining Unit (CEU) at 1-800-872-9855 or the Disclosure Unit (DU) Hotline at 1-800-572-2249 directly.

In addition, you may also alert the OSC to possible wrongdoing in a Federal agency through a whistleblower disclosure form (OSC Form 12, Whistleblower Disclosure). An employee who believes he or she has suffered reprisal for whistleblowing may elect to file both OSC Form 11, to report reprisal, and OSC Form 12, to disclose the underlying wrongdoing.

The OSC does *not* have authority to investigate the disclosures that it receives. The law provides that OSC (a) refer protected disclosures that establish a substantial likelihood of wrongdoing to the appropriate agency head, and (b) require the agency head to conduct an investigation, and submit a written report on the findings of the investigation to the Special Counsel.

If OSC finds no substantial likelihood that the information discloses one or more of the categories of wrongdoing, the Special Counsel must: (a) Inform the whistleblower of the reasons why the disclosure may not be acted on further; and (b) direct the whistleblower to other offices available for receiving disclosures.

#### **Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity**

A Federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

#### **Disciplinary Actions**

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a Federal employee who has

engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection laws up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f) agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws, or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee, or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee accused of discrimination.

#### **Additional Information**

For more information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the appropriate office(s) within your agency (e.g., EEO/civil rights offices, human resources offices, or legal offices). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection, and retaliation laws are located on the EEOC Web site at <http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site at <http://www.osc.gov>.

#### **Existing Rights Unchanged**

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands, or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee, or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

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**Camille Hazeur,**

*Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights,  
United States Department of Transportation.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Notice of Intent To Release Certain Properties From Federal Obligations**

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA hereby provides notice of intent to release certain airport properties 2.71 acres at the Orlando Executive Airport, Orlando, FL from the conditions, reservations, and restrictions as contained in a Quitclaim Deed agreement between the FAA and the City of Orlando, dated September 30, 1955. The release of property will

allow the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority to dispose of the property for other than aeronautical purposes. The property is located adjacent to Crystal Lake Drive in Orange County, Florida. The parcel is currently designated as non-aeronautical use. The property will be released of its federal obligations to swap the land for another City-owned parcel. The 1.71 acre parcels to be acquired is also located adjacent to Crystal Lake Drive in Orange County, Florida. This parcel is adjacent to airport property. The fair market value of the airport-obligated parcels has been determined by appraisal to be 1,843,400. The fair market value of the non-obligated parcels has been determined by appraisal to be 2,155,110.

Documents reflecting the Sponsor's request are available, by appointment only, for inspection at the offices of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority at Orlando International Airport, and the FAA Airports District Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 125 of The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21) requires the FAA to provide an opportunity for public notice and comment prior to the "waiver" or "modification" of a sponsor's Federal obligation to use certain airport land for non-aeronautical purposes.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before January 13, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents are available for review at the the offices of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority at Orlando International Airport, and the FAA Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltime National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822. Written comments on the Sponsor's request must be delivered or mailed to: Rebecca R. Henry, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltime National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca R. Henry, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltime National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024.

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