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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Air Taxi and Commercial Operator Airport Activity Survey

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by January 27, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Kathy DePaepe, Room 126B, Federal Aviation Administration, AES-200, 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy DePaepe at (405) 954-9362, or by email at: [Kathy.DePaepe@faa.gov](mailto:Kathy.DePaepe@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0067.

*Title:* Air Taxi and Commercial Operator Airport Activity Survey.

*Form Numbers:* FAA Form 1800-31.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* Enplanement data collected from air taxi and commercial operators are required for the calculation of air carrier airport sponsor apportionments as specified by the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), and 49 U.S.C. part A, Air Commerce Safety, and part B, Airport Development and Noise. The data collected serves as the only source of data for charter and nonscheduled passenger data by Part 135 operators (air taxis). The data

received on the form is then incorporated into the Air Carrier Activity Information System which is used to determine whether an airport is eligible for AIP funds and for calculating primary airport sponsor apportionment as specified by Title 49 U.S.C. The data collected on the form includes passenger enplanements by carrier and by airport.

*Respondents:* Approximately 300 Part 135 operators.

*Frequency:* Information is collected annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* 1.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 450 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including 1. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; 2. The accuracy of the estimated burden; 3. Ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and 4. Ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2013-54]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and

must be received on or before December 17, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2013-0815 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy:* We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay Turnberg, Federal Aviation Administration, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Standards Staff, ANE-111, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803-5229; (781) 238-7116; facsimile: (781) 238-7199; email: [jay.turnberg@faa.gov](mailto:jay.turnberg@faa.gov); or Andrea Copeland, ARM-200, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; email [andrea.copeland@faa.gov](mailto:andrea.copeland@faa.gov); (202) 267-8081.

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**Lirio Liu,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA–2013–0815

*Petitioner:* International Aero Engines, LLC

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:*  
§ 33.94(a)(1)

Petitioner requests relief to enable it to change the fan blade failure location from the blade outermost retention groove to the blade platform for its engine model PW100G–JM in conducting the blade containment test required by Section 33.94.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA–2013–0027]

#### Notice of Buy America Waiver for Minivans

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Buy America Waiver.

**SUMMARY:** In response to North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (NFRMPO) request for a Buy America waiver for minivans based upon non-availability, the Federal Transit Administration hereby waives its Buy America final assembly requirement for NFRMPO’s procurement of minivans for NFRMPO’s vanpool (“VanGo”) program. This waiver is limited to a single purchase not to exceed 25 seven-passenger vehicles to take place no later than December 31, 2014.

**DATES:** This Buy America waiver is limited to a single purchase not to exceed 25 seven-passenger vehicles and expires on December 31, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary J. Lee, FTA Attorney-Advisor, at (202) 366–0985 or [mary.j.lee@dot.gov](mailto:mary.j.lee@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 23, 2013, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) requested a Buy America waiver for the procurement of minivans. In its request, NFRMPO cited a lack of available, Buy America-compliant seven-passenger vehicles for its vanpool program located in northern Colorado and requested a Buy America waiver for its five-year procurement program. According to NFRMPO, a recently issued RFP resulted in no suitable or

acceptable bids that meet the Buy America rules. In a second letter dated May 17, 2013, NFRMPO reiterated its request for a Buy America waiver and noted that the Vehicle Production Group (VPG) had “shut down” production of its Mobility Vehicle 1 (MV–1), a Buy America compliant vehicle.

According to NFRMPO, its VanGo Vanpool Program includes 75 vans with routes connecting, among others, Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley, Denver, and Boulder, Colorado; it carries more than 420 commuters daily at 93 percent occupancy. The vanpools in its VanGo Vanpool Program carry between five and eight passengers, which make the larger passenger vans inefficient and too costly and VPG’s MV–1 too small and costly.

With certain exceptions, FTA’s Buy America requirements prevent FTA from obligating an amount that may be appropriated to carry out its program for a project unless “the steel, iron, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.” 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1). A manufactured product is considered produced in the United States if: (1) All of the manufacturing processes for the product must take place in the United States; and (2) All of the components of the product must be of U.S. origin. A component is considered of U.S. origin if it is manufactured in the United States, regardless of the origin of its subcomponents. 49 CFR 661.5(d). If, however, FTA determines that “the steel, iron, and goods produced in the United States are not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality,” then FTA may issue a waiver (non-availability waiver). 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(B); 49 CFR 661.7(c).

On August 5, 2013, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a notice and sought comments on the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (NFRMPO) Buy America waiver request for minivans based upon non-availability. 78 FR 47487. FTA received fourteen comments, including comments from the Mayor of the City of Loveland, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Chrysler Group LLC, Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association, Association for Commuter Transportation, vRide, and a number of anonymous comments.<sup>1</sup> Some comments, including the letter from the

<sup>1</sup> In error, FTA cited two docket numbers in its August 5, 2013 notice, FTA–2012–0029 and FTA–2013–0027. Therefore, FTA considered all comments posted to these two dockets that referenced this waiver request.

City of Loveland’s Mayor, referenced a similar Federal Highway Administration notice and appeared to be posted in error. Such comments were forwarded to the appropriate Federal agency.

All correctly posted comments expressed support of a waiver. The Colorado Department of Transportation, Division of Transit and Rail, stated that the VanGo Vanpool Program provides a “vital commuting service,” is “an important component in the strategy to address regional air quality issues,” including the Denver and North Front Range Air Quality Planning regions that are in non-attainment status for Ozone (O<sub>2</sub>) and maintenance status for Carbon Monoxide (CO), and the use of minivans is critical to keeping the program “efficient, affordable and effective.” Chrysler Group LLC also supports a waiver and cited, among other things, the industry’s need for a vehicle with greater seating capacity than the MV–1, and the MV–1’s production status, which has resulted in a lack of available Buy America compliant vehicles. Another commenter, the Taxicab, Limousine, & Paratransit Association, agreed with the need for a waiver because of the flexibility that a minivan offers, e.g., greater seating capacity than an MV–1, the lack of the MV–1’s performance history data, and the need for greater competition. Other commenters requested a broader and longer-lasting waiver that could be applied to other procurements or an expedited waiver process. Finally, a number of anonymous VanGo commuters posted comments in favor of a waiver.

In response to the comments regarding NFRMPO’s waiver request, many of the comments refer to issues that FTA addressed in its December 3, 2012 decision, including, among other things, differences between the MV–1 and traditional minivans, competition, and the need for a blanket waiver. FTA directs interested parties to this decision, 77 FR 71673, for additional information. In addition, FTA notes that AM General LLC recently purchased rights to the MV–1 and expects to resume production of the MV–1 in the near term.

However, FTA appreciates all of the comments and recognizes that there are certain limited circumstances when a waiver is warranted. In its December 3, 2012 decision to rescind the blanket Buy America waiver for minivans and minivan chassis on final assembly (77 FR 71673), FTA stated that, although it rescinded the blanket waiver, it would still review waiver requests for minivans and minivan chassis on a case-by-case basis. Subsequently,