

advisory review. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Adviser or by other Department elements. Final funding decisions are at the discretion of the Department of State's Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for cooperative agreements resides with a Bureau Grants Officer.

*Review Criteria:* Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation:

1. *Quality of the program idea:* Proposals should exhibit originality, substance, precision, and relevance to the Bureau's mission.

2. *Program planning:* Detailed agenda and relevant work plan should demonstrate substantive undertakings and logistical capacity. Agenda and plan should adhere to the program overview and guidelines described above.

3. *Ability to achieve program objectives:* Objectives should be reasonable, feasible, and flexible. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program's objectives and plan.

4. *Multiplier effect/impact:* Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.

5. *Support of diversity:* Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau's policy on diversity. Achievable and relevant features should be cited in both program administration (selection of participants, program venue and program evaluation) and program content (orientation and wrap-up sessions, program meetings, resource materials and follow-up activities).

6. *Institutional capacity:* Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project's goals.

7. *Institution's record/ability:* Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Bureau grants as determined by Bureau Grant Staff. The Bureau will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

8. *Alumni activities:* Proposals should provide a plan that integrates alumni activities into the program from start to finish, including tracking of alumni.

9. *Project evaluation:* Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the activity's success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. A draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology to use to link outcomes to original project objectives is recommended. Successful applicants will be expected to submit intermediate reports after each project component is concluded or quarterly, whichever is less frequent.

10. *Cost-effectiveness:* The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

11. *Cost-sharing:* Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

**Authority:** Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries \* \* \*; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations \* \* \* and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through Fulbright-Hays legislation.

*Notice:* The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

#### Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: June 23, 2004.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 20-SV, Satellite Voice Equipment as a Means for Air Traffic Services Communications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 20-SV, Satellite Voice Equipment as a Means for Air Traffic Services Communications. This proposed AC provides guidance for designers, manufacturers, and installers of satellite voice equipment used for Air Traffic Services. In it, we recommend how you get design and airworthiness approval for your equipment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch, AIR-130, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Attn: Mr. David W. Robinson. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David W. Robinson, AIR-130, Room 815, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 385-4650, FAX: (202) 385-4651. Or, via e-mail at: [david.w.robinson@faa.gov](mailto:david.w.robinson@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed AC may be examined, before and after the

comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final Advisory Circular.

#### Background

Aircraft operators have traditionally used High Frequency (HF)/Very High Frequency (VHF) communications systems for Aeronautical Operational Control and Air Traffic Services operations. Due to frequency congestion in oceanic and remote flight operations, aircraft operators have requested the use of satellite voice communication systems as a supplement to existing HF and VHF voice systems. Therefore the objective of this proposed AC is to provide guidance to allow for the airworthiness certification and evolutionary development of satellite voice during flight operations without compromising safety.

#### How To Obtain Copies

You may get a copy of the proposed AC from the Internet at <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. Once on the RGL Web site, select "Advisory Circular", then select the document by number. See section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for the complete address if requesting a copy by mail.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 23, 2004.

**Susan J.M. Cabler,**

*Assistant Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Land at Shafter Airport-Minter Field, Shafter, CA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Request to Release Airport Land.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of approximately 34.98 acres of airport property at Shafter Airport-Minter Field, Shafter, California, from

all restrictions of the surplus property agreement since the land is not needed for airport purposes. Sale of the property will generate revenue for airport development projects. Reuse of the land for commercial/light industrial purposes represents a compatible land use.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, Federal Register Comment, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, one copy of the comment submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Herman Ruddell, General Manager, Minter Field Airport District, Shafter Airport, 201 Aviation Street, Shafter, CA 93263.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tony Garcia, Airports Compliance Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, California 90261, telephone (310) 725-3634 and FAX (310) 725-6849. The request to release airport property may be reviewed in person by appointment at this same location or at Shafter Airport-Minter Field, Shafter, California.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In accordance with the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21), Public Law 10-181 (Apr. 5, 2000; 114 Stat. 61), this notice must be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before the Secretary may waive any condition imposed on a federally obligated airport's interest in surplus property.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Minter Field Airport District requested a release from surplus property agreement obligations for approximately 34.98 acres of airport land at Shafter Airport-Minter Field, Shafter, California, originally acquired from the United States for airport purposes. The land is part of a larger parcel located east of the Friant Kern Canal in the southwest corner of the airport. The property is currently unused, undeveloped, and without structural improvements. It is located in an area that was once farmland but is now zoned for industrial use. The parcel is a considerable distance from the airfield. A water treatment plant lies between the parcel and the rest of the airport. The airport sponsor wishes to sell the land because it cannot be used

for airport purposes. The property's redevelopment for non-aeronautical purposes will comply with local zoning and compatible land-use requirements. The parcel will be sold at fair market value based on the land's appraised value. The sale will provide the airport with needed revenue for airport improvement and development projects. The net proceeds of the sale will be used entirely for airport purposes, thereby providing a tangible and direct benefit to the airport and civil aviation.

Issued in Hawthorne, California, on June 3, 2004.

**John Lott,**

*Manager, Safety and Standards Branch, Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Technical Standard Order—C157, Aircraft Flight Information Services—Broadcast (FIS-B) Data Link Systems and Equipment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request comments on a proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)—C157, Aircraft Flight Information Services—Broadcast (FIS-B) Data Link Systems and Equipment. The proposed TSO tells manufacturers seeking TSO authorization or letter of design approval what minimum performance standards (MPS) their FIS-B Data Link System and Equipment must first meet for approval and identification with the applicable TSO markings.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed TSO—C157 to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch, AIR-130, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. ATTN: Mr. Kevin Bridges, AIR-130. You may deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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