

International Security for reconsideration of the ineligibility determination. A request for reconsideration must be submitted in writing within 30 days after a person has been informed of the adverse decision, in accordance with 22 CFR 127.7(d) and 128.13(a).

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This notice involves a foreign affairs function of the United States encompassed within the meaning of the military and foreign affairs exclusion of the Administrative Procedure Act. Because the exercise of this foreign affairs function is discretionary, it is excluded from review under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: January 24, 2006.

**John Hillen,**

*Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Application of Hawaii Island Air, Inc. D/ B/A Island Air for Certificate Authority

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Order to Show Cause (Order 2006-1-20), Docket OST-2005-22001.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue an order finding Hawaii Island Air, Inc. d/b/a Island Air fit, willing, and able, and awarding it a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than February 8, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Docket OST-2005-22001 and addressed to U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket

Operations, (M-30, Room PL-401), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Vanessa R. Balgobin, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9721.

Dated: January 25, 2006.

**Michael W. Reynolds,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket OST-2005-21790]

#### Notice on the Essential Air Service Code-Sharing Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, Public Law 108-176, Title IV, subtitle A, section 406 requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program, under which the Secretary would have discretion to require air carriers receiving Essential Air Service (EAS) subsidy and major carriers serving large hub airports to participate in code-sharing arrangements for up to 10 EAS communities. Public comments were invited about such a prospective program; all of the comments raised objections, particularly concerns that the Department would use the authority to force carriers to participate involuntarily in the program. This Notice discusses the comments, advises of the establishment of the pilot program, solicits applications for participation in the program, and specifies issues that should be addressed in such applications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Essential Air Service program, established in 1978 by the Airline Deregulation Act, Public Law 95-504, enables small communities that were served by certificated air carriers before deregulation to maintain at least a

minimal level of scheduled air service. Under this program, the Department currently provides subsidies to air carriers so that approximately 150 rural communities, including 37 in Alaska, can receive such service. DOT's program determines the minimum level of service at each community by specifying a hub through which the community is linked to the national transportation system, a minimum number of round trips and available seats that must be provided to that hub, certain characteristics of the aircraft to be used, and the maximum number of permissible intermediate stops to the hub.

A code-sharing agreement is a marketing arrangement between two carriers that allows one to publish schedules and sell tickets on flights operated by another. Typically, code-sharing allows carriers to broaden their network of destinations, to feed additional passengers to their hub airports, and to serve destinations that they could not otherwise serve on a profitable basis. Major airlines now commonly enter into voluntary code-share contracts with others, including smaller, regional carriers. Most airports covered under the EAS program have service provided by a carrier that has at least one major airline's code attached to its flights out of the airport. However, some carriers that provide subsidized service under the EAS program do not have any code-share arrangements in some of the markets that they serve.

On December 12, 2003, President Bush signed the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, Public Law 108-176. Title IV, subtitle A, section 406 of that statute required the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program, under which the Secretary would have discretion to require air carriers receiving EAS subsidy and major carriers serving large hub airports to participate in code-sharing arrangements for up to 10 EAS communities. Section 406 provides as follows:

#### Code-Sharing Program

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Transportation shall establish a pilot program under which the Secretary may require air carriers providing air service with compensation under subchapter II of chapter 417 of title 49, United States code, and major carriers (as defined in section 41716(a)(2) of such title) serving large hub airports (as defined in section 40102 of such title) to participate in multiple code-sharing arrangements consistent with normal industry practice whenever and wherever the Secretary determines that such multiple