

or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

### VIII. Other Information

#### 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 per section VI.3 above.

Dated: November 25, 2008.

**Goli Ameri,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Personnel Parachute Assemblies TSO-C23e

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

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The minimum performance standard (MPS) for Personnel Parachute Assemblies and Components contained in Appendix 1 of technical standard order (TSO)-C23e is substantially different from the version submitted for public comment. As such, this notice announces the cancellation of TSO-C23e.

**DATES:** TSO-C23e is cancelled as of December 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all inquiries pertaining to the cancellation of TSO-23e to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. ATTN: George Soteropoulos, AIR-120. You may deliver your inquiries to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Include in the subject line of your electronic message the following: Inquiries, FAA TSO-23e, Personnel Parachute Assemblies.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Soteropoulos, Aerospace Engineer, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 267-9796, FAX (202) 267-5340, or e-mail at: [george.soteropoulos@faa.gov](mailto:george.soteropoulos@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

It is believed that the minimum performance standard (MPS) prescribed in Appendix 1 of TSO-C23e for personnel parachute assemblies and components thereof, differs significantly from the version submitted for public comment. For that reason we are cancelling TSO-C23e to allow for further review and discussions with interested industry groups and associations to ensure safety through a coordinated agreed-upon MPS.

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**Susan J.M. Cabler,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2008-35]

#### 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 involved and must be received on or before December 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2008-0760 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:** Laverne Brunache (202) 267-3133 or Tyneka Thomas (202) 267-7626, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2008-0760.

*Petitioner:* Endless Mountain Pilots.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 91.146, 91.147, and part 136, subpart A.

*Description of Relief Sought:* Endless Mountain Pilots requests an exemption from 14 CFR §§ 91.146, 91.147, and part 136, subpart A to allow the following: (1) An aircraft owner who is not piloting his/her own aircraft or the airport owner of Seaman's Field Airport in Factoryville, PA (9N3) who rents aircraft in the normal course of business to