

to the site after midnight of the application deadline date will be automatically rejected by the grants.gov system, and will be technically ineligible.

Applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail from grants.gov upon the successful submission of an application. ECA will *not* notify you upon receipt of electronic applications.

IV.3g. Intergovernmental Review of Applications: Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

V. Application Review Information

V.1. Review Process

The Bureau will review all proposals for technical eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein and in the Solicitation Package. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the program office, as well as the Public Diplomacy section overseas, where appropriate. Eligible proposals will be subject to compliance with Federal and Bureau regulations and guidelines and forwarded to Bureau grant panels for 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 assistance awards (grants) resides with the Bureau's Grants Officer.

Review Criteria

Please see the review criteria in the accompanying Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation (POGI) document.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1a. Award Notices: Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures. Successful applicants will receive an Assistance Award Document (AAD) from the Bureau's Grants Office. The AAD and the original grant proposal with subsequent modifications (if applicable) shall be the only binding authorizing document between the recipient and the U.S. Government. The AAD will be signed by an authorized Grants Officer, and mailed to the recipient's responsible officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review from the ECA program office coordinating this competition.

VI.2 Administrative and National Policy Requirements: Terms and

Conditions for the Administration of ECA agreements include the following:

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations."

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions."

OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Governments".

OMB Circular No. A-110 (Revised), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Nonprofit Organizations.

OMB Circular No. A-102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments.

OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-profit Organizations.

Please reference the following Web sites for additional information:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>.
<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/grantsdiv/terms.htm#articleI>.

VI.3. Reporting Requirements: You must provide ECA with a hard copy original plus one copy of the following reports:

- (1) A final program and financial report no more than 90 days after the expiration of the award;
- (2) Interim reports, as required in the Bureau grant agreement.

Grantees will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. (Please refer to IV. Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3.d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

VI.4. Program Data Requirements: Organizations awarded grants will be required to maintain specific data on program participants and activities in an electronically accessible database format that can be shared with the Bureau as required. As a minimum, the data must include the following:

- (1) Name, address, contact information and biographic sketch of all persons who travel internationally on funds provided by the grant or who benefit from the grant funding but do not travel.

(2) Itineraries of international and domestic travel, providing dates of travel and cities in which any exchange experiences take place. Final schedules for in-country and U.S. activities must be received by the ECA Program Officer at least three workdays prior to the official opening of the activity.

VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Carolyn Lantz, Program Officer, Youth Programs Division (ECA/PE/C/PY), Room 568, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, Telephone (202) 203-7505, Fax (202) 203-7529, e-mail: LantzCS@state.gov.

All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the above title and number ECA/PE/C/PY-07-04.

Please read the complete announcement before sending inquiries 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: July 18, 2006.

Dina Habib Powell,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5475]

International Joint Commission; Public Comment Period Extended for Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Water Levels Study

The International Joint Commission (IJC) has extended the period for public comment on the report of its International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence

River Study Board until September 15, 2006 following the release of the Annexes to the report. The Study Board reviewed the regulation of water levels and flows in the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River system, taking into account the impact of regulation on affected interests. The Annexes provide the Technical Work Group summaries, descriptions of the new candidate regulation plans, discussion of mitigation and adaptive management action plans, and the pertinent background documents.

The Commission will consider the options as potential replacements for the current regulation plan, Plan 1958-D, and will also consider revising its Orders of Approval for regulation of Lake Ontario outflows. The public is welcome to provide comments on the Study Board report, the Annexes to the report, or any other relevant matters, to assist the Commission in its deliberations. Copies of the Study Board report and Annexes are available from either address below, or online at WWW.IJC.ORG. Comments by letter, fax or e-mail must be received by September 15, 2006 at either address below:

U.S. Section Secretary, International Joint Commission, 1250 23rd Street NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440. Tel: (202) 736-9024, Fax: (202) 467-0746, Commission@washington.ijc.org.

Canadian Section Secretary, International Joint Commission, 234 Laurier Avenue West, 22nd Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 6K6. Tel: (613) 995-0088, Fax: (613) 993-5583, Commission@ottawa.ijc.org.

Written public comments will become part of a public record that may be posted on the IJC's Web site or otherwise made available to the public. The IJC requests that people who submit comments provide contact information so that the IJC can inform them of the outcome of the process. To protect the privacy of any person submitting comment, the IJC will remove the following identifying information from the incoming communication before making the comment available to the public: e-mail address, street address, post office box, zip code, postal code, telephone number and fax number. The following identifying information will remain part of the record that is made available to the public: name, organizational affiliation, city, and state/province.

The Commission will hold public hearings after making a preliminary decision on changes to the current regulation plan and Orders of Approval. The times and locations will be announced. For more information, visit

the Commission's Web site at: WWW.IJC.ORG.

For more information, contact Frank Bevacqua: (202) 736-9024; bevacquaF@washington.ijc.org

Dated: July 20, 2006.

James Chandler,

Legal Advisor, U.S. Section, International Joint Commission, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

First Meeting, Special Committee 211, Nickel-Cadmium, Lead Acid and Rechargeable Lithium Batteries

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 211, Nickel-Cadmium, Lead Acid and Rechargeable Lithium Batteries.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a first meeting of RTCA Special Committee 211, Nickel-Cadmium, Lead Acid and Rechargeable Lithium Batteries.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 22-23, 2006, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 209 meeting. The Special Committee 211 task is to revise DO-293—Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Nickel-Cadmium and Lead Acid Batteries and will develop Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Rechargeable Lithium Batteries. The committee will address the design, performance, operational and testing issues associated with Special Committee 211. The chairmen are: William Johnson, U.S. Navy and Hector Silberman, The Boeing Company. The agenda will include:

- August 22:
- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome, Introductions, and Administrative Remarks, Agenda Overview)
- RTCA Overview
- Previous Battery Committee History

- Current Committee Scope, Terms of Reference Overview

- Presentation, Discussion, Recommendations

- Review and Resolve Existing Comments to DO-293

- August 23:

- Agenda Overview

- Discuss and decide if the Lithium Rechargeable Batteries Special Requirements can be added to DO-293 or a new separated standards as needed.

- Discussion, Recommendations.

Evaluation of the task scope and schedule.

- Organization of Work, Assign Tasks, and Workgroups

- Assignment of Responsibilities

- Closing Plenary Session (Other Business, Establish Agenda, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. Pre-Registration for this meeting is not required for attendance but is desired and can be done through the RTCA secretariat. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 20, 2006.

Francisco Estrada C.,

RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Union Pacific Railroad Company

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2006-24840]

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) is initiating a program to implement "Remote Authority" technology, designed to permit