

of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Jones, Office of Agricultural Affairs, 202-395-6127.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains tariff-rate quotas for imports of raw cane and refined sugar. The in-quota quantity of the raw cane tariff-rate quota for the period October 1, 1998–September 30, 1999, has been established by the Secretary of Agriculture at 1,164,937 metric tons, raw value (1,284,123 short tons).

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the United States Trade representative under paragraph (3) of Presidential Proclamation No. 6763 (60 FR 1007).

Accordingly, the 1,164,937 metric tons for a raw cane sugar are being allocated to the following countries in metric tons, raw value:

Country	FY1999 allocation
Argentina .....	46,581
Australia .....	89,912
Barbados .....	7,583
Belize .....	11,916
Bolivia .....	8,666
Brazil .....	157,076
Colombia .....	25,999
Congo .....	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire .....	7,258
Costa Rica .....	16,249
Dominican Republic .....	190,657
Ecuador .....	11,916
El Salvador .....	28,165
Fiji .....	9,750
Gabon .....	7,258
Guatemala .....	51,997
Guyana .....	12,999
Haiti .....	7,258
Honduras .....	10,833
India .....	8,666
Jamaica .....	11,916
Madagascar .....	7,258
Malawi .....	10,833
Mauritius .....	12,999
Mexico .....	25,000
Mozambique .....	14,083
Nicaragua .....	22,749
Panama .....	31,415
Papua New Guinea .....	7,258
Paraguay .....	7,258
Peru .....	44,415
Philippines .....	146,243
South Africa .....	24,915
St. Kitts & Nevis .....	7,258
Swaziland .....	17,332

Country	FY1999 allocation
Taiwan .....	12,999
Thailand .....	15,166
Trinidad-Tobago .....	7,583
Uruguay .....	7,258
Zimbabwe .....	12,999
Total .....	1,164,937

This allocation includes the following minimum quota-holding countries: Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Haiti, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, St. Kitts & Nevis, and Uruguay.

The in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for the period October 1, 1998–September 30, 1999, has been established by the Secretary of Agriculture at 50,000 metric tons, raw value (55,116 short tons). A total of 7,090 metric tons (7,815 short tons) of this tariff-rate quota will be available for refined sugar and 4,656 metric tons (5,132 short tons) will be available for specialty sugars on a globalized basis, that is, these amounts will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. A total of 10,300 metric tons (11,354 short tons) to refined sugar and 59,250 metric tons (65,312 short tons) of sugar containing products (of the tariff-rate quota maintained under additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized tariff Schedule) will be allocated to Canada. Separately, an additional 2,954 metric tons (3,256 short tons) of refined sugar will be allocated to Mexico. The remaining 25,000 metric tons (27,558 short tons) of the refined sugar tariff-rate quota is being allocated to Mexico to fulfill obligations pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Under the NAFTA, the United States is to provide total access for raw and refined sugar from Mexico of 25,000 metric tons, raw value, for this quota period in conjunction with Mexico's net surplus producer status. This allocation is subject to the condition that the total imports of raw and refined sugar from Mexico, combined, is not to exceed 25,000 metric tons raw value.

**Richard W. Fisher,**

*Acting United States Trade Representative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Partnership Council; Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a meeting of the DOT Partnership Council (the Council). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**Time and Place:** The Council will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, room 10214, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The room is located on the 10th floor.

**Type of Meeting:** These meetings will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should contact DOT to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**Point of Contact:** John E. Budnik or Jean B. Lenderking, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division, M-13, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7411, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9439 or (202) 366-8085, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to finalize plans for the Life with Cancer Signature Project in memory of the late American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) President John Sturdivant.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** We invite interested persons and organizations to submit comments. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Ms. Jean Lenderking at the address shown above. Comments should be received by October 6, 1998 in order to be considered at the October 21 meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 25, 1998.

For the Department of Transportation.

**John E. Budnik,**

*Associate Director, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-1998-4525]

#### National Boating Safety Activities: Funding for National Nonprofit Public Service Organizations

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for grants and cooperative agreements from national

nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations. These grants and cooperative agreements would be used to fund projects on various subjects promoting boating safety on the national level. This notice provides information about the grant and cooperative agreement application process and some of the subjects of particular interest to the Coast Guard.

**DATES:** Application packages may be obtained on or after October 7, 1998. Proposals for the Fiscal Year 1999 grant cycle must be received before 4:30 p.m. eastern time January 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Application packages may be obtained by calling the Coast Guard Infoline at 800-368-5647. Submit proposals to: Commandant (G-OPB-1) U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 3100, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available from the Coast Guard Infoline and on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at URL address [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Albert Marmo, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard (G-OPB-1/room 3100), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; 202-267-0950. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to, the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 26, United States Code, section 9504, establishes the Boat Safety Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. From this trust fund, the majority of funds are allocated to the States, and up to 5% of these funds may be distributed by the Coast Guard for grants and cooperative agreements to national, nonprofit, public service organizations for national boating safety activities. It is anticipated that \$2,950,000 will be available for fiscal year 1999. Twenty-two awards totaling \$2,750,000 were made in fiscal year 1998 ranging from \$9,000 to \$438,000. Nothing in this announcement should be construed as committing the Coast Guard to dividing available funds among qualified applicants or awarding any specified amount.

It is anticipated that several awards will be made by the Director of Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard. Applicants must be national, nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations and must establish that their activities are, in fact, national in scope. An application package may be obtained by writing or calling the point of contact listed in **ADDRESSES** on

or after October 7, 1998. The application package contains all necessary forms, an explanation of how the grant program is administered, and a checklist for submitting a grant application. Specific information on organization eligibility, proposal requirements, award procedures, and financial administration procedures may be obtained by contacting the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

New procedures allow prospective grantees to propose up to a five-year grant with the twelve month (fiscal year) increments. In effect, an award would be made for the first year and thereafter renewal is optional. Each annual increment would not be guaranteed. Under a continuation (multi-year) grant type of award the Coast Guard agrees to support a grant project at a specific level of effort for a specified period of time, with a statement of intention to provide certain additional future support, provided funds become available, the achieved results warrant further support, and are in support of the needs of the government. Award of continuation grants will be made on a strict case by case basis to assist planning certain large scale projects and ensure continuity. New procedures have also been established to implement awarding noncompetitive grants or cooperative agreements on a case by case basis. This authority will be judiciously used to fund recurring annual projects or events which can only be carried out by one organization, and projects that present targets of opportunity for timely action on new or emerging program requirements or issues. The following list includes items of specific interest to the Coast Guard, however, potential applicants should not be constrained by the list. Any initiative which can help to reduce recreational boating deaths, injuries or property damage is welcomed. Of high interest are initiatives which focus on recreational fishermen, canoeists, kayakers, and/or personal watercraft operators. Some projects area of continuing and particular interest for grant funding include the following:

1. Develop and Conduct a National Annual Safe Boating Campaign. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop and conduct the year 2000 National Annual Safe Boating Campaign that targets specific boater market segments and recreational boating safety topics. This year-round campaign must support the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program to save lives, reduce the number of boating accidents and associated health care costs, as well as support the nationwide grassroots activity of the many volunteer

groups who coordinate local media events, education programs, and public awareness activities. Products must include, but are not limited to: situation analysis, post campaign component evaluation processes, measures of effectiveness, marketing strategy, distribution plan, and final report. All print, audio and video material must be designed to emphasize multiple year-round boating safety and accident prevention messages. Highlights of the calendar year 2000 national campaign will be special select materials and activities to support National Safe Boating Week and other selected national boating safety events. The major focus of the campaign will be to affect the behavior of all boaters to increase wearing of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) [with special emphasis on use by children and recreational anglers] and the dangers of boating while under the influence (BUI) of alcohol or drugs. The recreational angler component should reflect the statistical risks associated with fishing activities, falls overboard, cold water immersion, and failure to wear a PFD. An established portion of allocated grants funds must support a National Boating Accident Reporting Awareness Program that is designed to reach all boaters with a message on the importance of reporting boating accidents. Efforts will also be coordinated, year-around, with other national transportation safety activities and special media events, in particular those which focus on the prevention of operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, 202-267-0994.

2. Evaluation of the National Safe Boating Campaign. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop and conduct an objective and systematic evaluation of the National Safe Boating Campaign. This evaluation is to determine the effectiveness of the campaign in modifying on the water behavior, and thus meeting the objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program to save lives, reduce the number of boating accidents and associated health care costs. (Grantees or partners of grantees of previous National Safe Boating Campaigns will not be considered.) Point of Contact: Ms. J. Calkin, 202-267-0994.

3. Develop and Conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to plan, implement, and conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference. This conference must support the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program to

save lives, reduce the number of boating accidents, and lower associated health care costs. The overall conference focus should have promotional strategies which address the following specific targeted audiences: paddlers, anglers and hunters, and personal watercraft users. The conference should be scheduled to be conducted during the spring of 2000 and be held concurrent or consecutively with additional major national recreational and/or boating safety and aquatic symposiums. The design of the conference should enhance the awareness and development of paid and volunteer professionals; national, state, and local boating safety program organization leaders; waterway managers and industry specialists. It should provide a unifying link between local or regional programs and those on the national level. The conference should be a collaborative effort of national organizations interested in the betterment of boating and aquatic safety and should include, but not be limited to, plenary sessions, hands-on workshops, and the distribution of a post conference report (publication) describing the activities of the conference. Products should include, but are not limited to, specific program tasks, evaluation processes, measures of effectiveness, marketing strategy, and final report. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, 202-267-0994.

4. State/Federal/Boating Organizations Cooperative Partnering Efforts. The Coast Guard seeks grantees to provide programs to encourage greater participation and uniformity in boating safety efforts. Applicants should provide a forum to encourage greater uniformity of boating laws and regulations, reciprocity among jurisdictions, and closer cooperation and assistance in developing, administering, and enforcing Federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to boating safety. Point of Contact: Ms. Sandy Brown, 202-267-6010.

5. Voluntary Standards Development Support. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to carry out a program to encourage active participation by members of the public and other qualified persons in the development of technically sound voluntary boating safety standards. Point of Contact: Mr. Peter Eikenberry, 202-267-6984.

6. Conduct Technical Seminars on Boating Safety Standards and Compliance. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional materials for, and conduct training courses for recreational boat manufacturers nationwide on

compliance with recreational boating Federal safety standards. Point of Contact: Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

7. Develop and Conduct Boating Accident Seminars. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional material, and conduct training courses nationwide for boating accident investigators, including three courses at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia. Point of Contact: Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

8. Video Support for Accident Seminars. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to record new video segments of laboratory demonstrations central to the instructional curriculum used in the accident investigation seminars. These segments include fuel vapor explosions, gas tank leak tests, stray current corrosion demonstrations, overheated electrical component tests and other laboratory demonstrations instructive in accident investigations. Point of Contact: Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

9. Staged Boat Collisions. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop and produce a series of staged boating collisions using a variety of typical recreational watercraft including contemporary fishing boats and personal watercraft, among others. The purpose of the staged collisions is two-fold. First, the crashed boats resulting from the staged collisions will be used to form the first of three pools of watercraft to be used in the accident investigation training program nationwide. Second, film footage and technical data recorded and gathered during the staged collisions will be used to enhance understanding of the crash dynamics of recreational vessels under controlled conditions. Point of Contact: Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

10. National Estimate of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) Wear Rate. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop a statistically valid national estimate and evaluation of wear rates of PFDs by recreational boaters. Wear rate should be determined by actual observation of boaters rather than other means such as surveys. Special emphasis should be placed on identifying inland fishermen. Point of Contact: LCDR Rick Sparacino, 202-267-0976.

11. Understanding and Awareness of Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Types and Capabilities. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to evaluate current methods of informing and educating boaters on performance, selection, use and care of PFDs. The grantee is to make recommendations for improvement. The evaluation is to include review of PFD

labels, the required PFD information pamphlet, and manuals for their effectiveness, including readability, understandability and information retention. The goal is to make changes which will improve each of these factors and perhaps introduce new ways of reaching boaters so that they are able to readily make informed choices of the type of PFD which best meets individual needs and to fully understand the risks associated with use and failure to use the different PFD types under various operating and water conditions. The grantee is to also review existing outreach methods regarding PFD types and their capabilities, and make recommendations regarding effectiveness and ways to improve boater understanding before, at, and after the point of purchase. Point of Contact: Mr. Rick Gipe, 202-267-0985.

12. Improvement of Navigation Light Visibility and Display. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to investigate the safety aspects of navigation light lens size for lights constructed in accordance with the Navigation Rule specifications. The grantee shall determine the minimum lens size necessary to effect a safe level of navigation light discernment when viewed at close range against a background of lights and in inclement weather. Point of Contact: Mr. Randolph J. Doubt, 202-267-6810.

13. Human Factors and Risk Management in Recreational Boating Applications. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to apply risk analysis and risk management techniques in the recreational boating arena to identify and characterize the human factors and risk involved with the recreational boating experience, including operator controlled factors, boat characteristics, safety equipment, and operator safety awareness. The grantee shall identify operator and/or equipment interventions and develop methodology to eliminate or mitigate risk factors. Point of Contact: Mr. Phil Cappel, 202-267-0988.

14. Personal Watercraft Operation Safety Interventions. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to review personal watercraft accident report and investigation data and to interview emergency room personnel in areas with large numbers of personal watercraft (PWC) accidents. The grantee shall analyze data and information gathered and make recommendations for effective PWC safety interventions. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, 202-267-0955.

15. Angler/Hunter Safety Interventions. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct literature and reference research and develop a

position paper (with resource references) on a national strategy on prevention of angler and hunter drowning fatalities involving use of small boats. This research is to include canvassing national small boat, angler and hunter organizations. The result will be a recommendation for a nationally focused outreach campaign targeted to this audience. Point of Contact: CWO2 Tim Duff, 202-267-1263.

16. Education Course Testing in Remote Areas When Proctoring is Required. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee for a research project to determine the nature and types of educational programs that currently utilize remote testing when proctoring is required. Preliminary evidence suggests that there are examples in other disciplines that could illuminate methodologies, systems, and technologies that could be emulated in the area of boating safety education and testing. Point of Contact: Ms. Tami Levitas, 202-267-0848.

17. Boating Safety Futures Forum. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to plan and conduct a national forum on the future of recreational boating and boating safety in the new millennium. The audience for the boating futures forum would include top-level leaders of industry, nonprofit organizations, and federal, state and local boating agencies for a strategic information sharing and planning conference to guide the development of recreational boating and boating safety priorities in the new century. The forum would include targeted sessions on demographic changes impacting recreational boating, the identification of trends in marine technology, exploration of resource needs and sources, and social, environmental and economic conditions that will be brought to bear on the recreational boating industry and the regulatory community. Point of Contact: Ms. Audrey Pickup, 202-267-0872.

18. Recreational Boating Electronic Accident Reporting System. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop an electronic means for the public to submit recreational boating accident reports. Point of Contact: Mr. Phil Cappel, 202-267-0988.

19. National Boating Survey. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct a comprehensive national boating survey. This survey would update information collected in prior surveys. The purpose of these surveys was to obtain statistical estimates of recreational boats, boating households, boaters, boating exposures, practices, and activities. The best way to assess a boater's risk on the water, as well as the

effectiveness of boating safety program activities in minimizing that risk, is to quantify exposure factors \* \* \* who is boating, in what types of boats, where, how often, how long, doing what activities, etc., and relate those factors to accident data. The nationwide boating survey is to be of sufficient sample size to provide various exposures data by State. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, 202-267-0955.

20. Information Resources Management: Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Exposure Data Capture Project: The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to complete a comprehensive RBS Exposure Data Capture Project to identify organizations who routinely collect recreational boating exposure data measured in passenger hours. The grantee will use the results from a prior grant project which identified exposure data elements and their sources. The objectives of the project are twofold. The first objective is to create a national database of all sources who routinely collect recreational boating exposure data on a continuous basis. The database will contain all exposure data elements and their attributes to include: participant demographics, the locality, type and duration of boating activity, the frequency and methodology of data collection, data storage formats, and information that provides access to the data.

The second objective is to determine the feasibility of collating and using data from the identified sources to develop valid national estimates of recreational boating exposure. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, 202-267-0955.

One area potential grantees should focus on is PARTNERSHIP. Explore other sources, linkages, in-kind contributions, cost sharing, and partnering with other organizations or corporations. A more detailed discussion of specific projects of interest to the Coast Guard may be obtained by contacting the Coast Guard Infoline at 800-368-5467 and requesting a copy of a specific proposal.

Proposals addressing other boating safety concerns are encouraged. The Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program is listed in section 20.005 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Dated: September 30, 1998.

**Ernest R. Riutta,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Rotorcraft Draft Advisory Material

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft rotorcraft advisory material.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of availability of draft Advisory Circular (AC) material, which provides guidance as to an acceptable means of accomplishing the requirements of a proposed rule on the subject of requirements for a critical parts plan for normal and transport category rotorcraft.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Jones, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0110; telephone (817) 222-5961, fax (817) 222-5961.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces the availability of draft AC material. The FAA tasked the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to develop rulemaking and policy material for normal and transport category rotorcraft. The ARAC process is a means for the public to participate in the drafting of rules and advisory material. The FAA review of the ARAC Working Group's material resulted in the FAA proposing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and AC material. Consequently, NPRM No. 98-10, "Harmonization of Critical Parts Rotorcraft Regulations," was published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 1998 (63 FR 45130). The accompanying AC material is available and will be published in a future revision to AC 27-1A and AC 29-2B (Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft and Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft, respectively).

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 24, 1998.

**Henry A. Armstrong,**

*Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA; Special Committee 189/ EUROCAE Working Group 53; Air Traffic Services Safety and Interoperability Requirements

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice