

through Dispute Resolution Officers or Special Masters of the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition, acting pursuant to Sections 46102, 46104, 46105, 46106 and 46107 and shall be subject to judicial review under Section 46110 and Section 504 of Title 5." On January 12, 2011, the FAA proposed to update and streamline the ODRA's procedural rules by publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** amended Procedures for Protests and Contracts Dispute (76 FR 2035) which, among other things, reorganized and streamlined the rules, and harmonized them with current statutory and other authority. On September 7, 2011, the FAA adopted the proposed rule, publishing it as a final rule (76 FR 55217) in the **Federal Register**, with an effective date of October 7, 2011. The full text of the FAA Administrator's October 12, 2011 Designation and Delegation provides as follows:

In furtherance of an efficient FAA acquisition dispute resolution process, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 106(f)(2), §§ 40101, *et seq.*, 46101, *et seq.*, 40110 and 14 CFR part 17, I hereby designate the Director and the Dispute Resolution Officers of the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition ("ODRA") as Administrative Judges for all matters within the ODRA's jurisdiction and hereby delegate authority to the ODRA Director as follows:

- a. To administer and conduct proceedings in individual bid protests, contract disputes and Circular A-76 contests, to appoint ODRA Dispute Resolution Officers/Administrative Judges and Special Masters to adjudicate all or portions of individual bid protests, contract disputes and contests; and to prepare findings and recommendations as well as proposed final orders in such cases;
- b. To grant or deny dismissal or summary relief in bid protests, contract disputes or contests;
- c. To stay an award or the performance of a contract temporarily, for no more than ten (10) business days, pending an Administrator's decision on a permanent stay. A stay will only be ordered by the ODRA in cases where the ODRA, based on the submissions of the parties, finds compelling reasons which would justify a stay, and recommends a stay to the Administrator;
- d. To dismiss bid protests, contract disputes or contests, based on settlement agreements or voluntary withdrawals by the parties that instituted such proceedings;
- e. To issue procedural and other interlocutory orders aimed at proper

and efficient case management, including, without limitation, scheduling orders, subpoenas, sanctions orders for failure of discovery, and the like;

f. To issue protective orders aimed at prohibiting the public dissemination of certain information and materials provided to the ODRA and opposing parties during the course of bid protest, contract dispute or contest proceedings, including, but not limited to, documents or other materials reflecting trade secrets, confidential financial information and other proprietary or competition-sensitive data, as well as confidential Agency source selection information the disclosure of which might jeopardize future Agency procurement activities;

g. To utilize voluntary alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods as the primary means of dispute resolution, in accordance with established Department of Transportation and FAA policies for using ADR to the maximum extent practicable;

h. To appoint ODRA Dispute Resolution Officers/Administrative Judges and Special Masters to engage with parties in voluntary, mutually agreeable ADR efforts aimed at resolving acquisition related disputes at the earliest possible stage, even before any formal protest, contract dispute or contest is filed with the ODRA;

i. To execute and issue, on behalf of the Administrator, final FAA decisions and orders in all matters within the ODRA's jurisdiction, provided that such matters involve either: (1) A bid protest concerning an acquisition having a minimum dollar value of not more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00); or (2) a contract dispute involving a total amount to be adjudicated, exclusive of interest, legal fees or costs, or not more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00). This Delegation does not preclude the Director of the ODRA from requesting, in any matter before the ODRA, that the order setting forth the final decision of the FAA be executed by the Administrator;

j. To execute and issue orders and final decisions on behalf of the Administrator for any applications made pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act for matters within the ODRA's jurisdiction;

k. To take all other reasonable steps deemed necessary and proper for the management of the FAA Dispute Resolution System and for the resolution of bid protests, contract disputes, or contests, in accordance with the Acquisition Management System and applicable law.

The foregoing authority may be re-delegated by the Director to ODRA Dispute Resolution Officers/Administrative Judges and to Special Masters. This Delegation supersedes and replaces the Delegations issued to the Director of the ODRA on July 29, 1998, March 27, 2000, March 10, 2004 (Delegation), March 10, 2004 (OMB Circular A-76 Delegation), and March 31, 2010.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 12, 2011.

Marc L. Warren,

Acting Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Suspension of Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Replacement General Aviation Airport, Mesquite, Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of suspension of preparation of Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as the Lead Agency for the proposed project is issuing this notice to advise the public the FAA has suspended preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed Replacement General Aviation (GA) Airport in Mesquite, Clark County, Nevada. The FAA received a letter dated September 27, 2011, from the City of Mesquite, Nevada asking the FAA to suspend any further work on the EIS. The reasons for this action include the local economic conditions in Mesquite and other local fiscal and budgetary constraints.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David B. Kessler, AICP, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, AWP-610.1, Airports Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007, Telephone: 310/725-3615.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 8, 2004, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 71097) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction and operation of a proposed Replacement General Aviation (GA) Airport, for the City of Mesquite in eastern Clark County, Nevada. The City

of Mesquite proposed to build the replacement airport south of Interstate Highway 15 between Exit 108 and 109 on the Mormon Mesa, about 15 miles west of the existing Mesquite Municipal Airport. The City proposed to close the existing Mesquite Municipal Airport and change the airport land use to residential land use, including construction of a new arterial roadway through the existing airport property. To maintain access to the National Air Transportation System, the City also proposed to design, fund, and build a replacement GA airport at Mormon Mesa that would provide GA facilities and services to the flying public, support regional economic development at no cost to the FAA. The City proposed to build the replacement GA airport to meet FAA Airport Reference Code (ARC) B-II standards with a new runway 7,500 feet long by 100 feet wide.

On May 16, 2008, the Notice of Availability of FAA's Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 28461). The FAA received 34 comment letters on the Draft EIS from federal, state and local agencies, as well as the general public. In March 2009, as FAA was preparing responses to comments received on the 2008 Draft EIS, FAA determined there were significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the Proposed Project or its impacts. Consistent with Title 40 CFR 1501.9, FAA decided to prepare a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIS).

The FAA received a letter from the City of Mesquite, dated September 27, 2011, asking the FAA to suspend any additional work on the EIS for the proposed Replacement GA Airport EIS. The City of Mesquite explained the postponement was based on local economic conditions and other local fiscal and budgetary constraints. The FAA does not know how long the suspension of the EIS will last.

Pursuant to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 77, *Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace*, § 77.29 *Evaluating Aeronautical Effect*, when a proponent files a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (FAA Form 7460-1) for a proposal in the vicinity of the proposed Replacement General Aviation Airport for Mesquite, the FAA will conduct an aeronautical study to determine the impact of a proposed structure, an existing structure that has not yet been studied by the FAA, or an alteration of an existing structure on aeronautical operations, procedures, and the safety of flight including but not limited to the proposal's impact on existing and planned public use airports.

Issued in Hawthorne, California, on October 28, 2011.

Mark A. McClardy,

Manager, Airports Division, Western—Pacific Region, AWP-600.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Fifth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Battery and Battery Systems—Small and Medium Size

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Battery and Battery Systems—Small and Medium Size.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Battery and Battery Systems—Small and Medium Size for the fifth meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 30–December 1, 2011, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <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., App.), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Battery and Battery Systems—Small and Medium Size. The agenda will include the following:

November 30, 2011

- Introductions and Administrative Remarks.
- Review and approval of summary from the 4th plenary meeting.
- Review action items.
- Review SC-225 schedule for Plenary meetings, working group meetings, and document preparation.
- Working Group Meeting—Review draft document.
- Review new action items.
- Review agenda for Thursday.

December 1, 2011

- Review of meeting agenda, other actions.
- Verify dates of next plenary and upcoming meeting working group meetings.
- Establish Agenda for 6th plenary meeting.
- Working Group Meeting—Review draft document.
- Working Group report, review progress and actions.
- Review all action items.
- Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, 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 November 2, 2011.

Robert L. Bostiga,

Manager, Business Operations Group, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Tenth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 217/EUROCAE WG-44: Terrain and Airport Mapping Databases

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 217/EUROCAE WG-44: Terrain and Airport Mapping Databases: For the tenth meeting

DATES: The meeting will be held December 6–9, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Honeywell Deer Valley Facility, Conference Room, PRN C, 21111 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix, AZ. 85027. If you plan on attending please contact John Kasten at telephone (303) 328-4535, at mobile (303) 260-9652 or email john.kasten@jeppesen.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by