Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Kristen Beer, Office of Pipeline Safety, at 202–366–8405 or by email at kristen.beer@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Lehman, Director, Emergency Support and Security Division, at 202–366–4439 or david.lehman@dot.gov, regarding the subject matter in this notice.

Introduction

The federal pipeline oil spill response plan regulations (49 CFR 194) require operators to prepare and submit a response plan in order to minimize the harm caused to the environment due to the discharge of oil into or on any inland navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines. This workshop will focus on multi-agency alignment, operator compliance, and participation in required drills and exercises. Additionally, attendees and commenters will be given the opportunity to provide suggestions and recommendations for possible changes to the oil spill response regulations.

Background

PHMSA wishes to gather information about the efficacy of the oil spill response plan regulations. PHMSA is aware that regulated entities and members of the public have requested greater direction and regulatory interpretation. PHMSA is also aware that its oil spill response plan regulations do not fully align with the regulations of other federal agencies that have been delegated jurisdiction under 42 U.S.C. 1321(j)(5). PHMSA is exploring ways to reduce redundancy, clarify language and improve efficacy of its oil spill response plan regulations.

PHMSA believes improving the response plan preparation and submission process is important for improving response actions, ensuring response capabilities, and minimizing harm to the environment. In particular, PHMSA is interested in collaboration with other jurisdictional federal agencies, operators, and oil spill response organizations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
[Docket No. DOT–OST–2016–0037]
Notice of order soliciting community proposals

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary.


SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation is soliciting proposals from communities or consortia of communities interested in receiving grants under the Small Community Air Service Development Program. The full text of the Department’s order, including Appendices, is included in this Notice. As noted in the order, an application for a grant under this program must include a Grant Proposal of no more than 20 pages (one-sided only), a completed Application for Federal Domestic Assistance (SF424), a Summary Information Schedule, and any letters from the applicant community showing support.

DATES: Applications must be submitted no later than May 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Communities must submit applications electronically through http://www.grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brooke Chapman, Associate Director, Small Community Air Service Development Program, Office of Aviation Analysis, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W86–307, Washington, DC 20590. (202) 366 0577.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By this order, the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department or DOT) invites proposals from communities and/or consortia of communities interested in obtaining a federal grant under the Small Community Air Service Development Program (“Small Community Program” or “SCASDP”) to address air service and airfare issues in their communities. Subject to the availability of funding, the Department has up to $5 million available for FY 2016 grant awards to carry out this program. There is no other limitation on the amount of individual awards, and the amounts awarded will vary depending upon the features and merits of the selected proposals. In past years, the Department’s individual grant sizes have ranged from $20,000 to nearly $1.6 million. Funding amounts made available for reimbursement may be impacted by future limitations placed on the spending authority and appropriations enacted for the Department.

OST cannot award grants until the enactment of authorizing legislation, an appropriations act, budget authority, and apportionment from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OST may, at its discretion, issue partial funding awards up to the level authorized and provided that the above conditions are met. Additional information on the budget process may be found in OMB A–11: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/default/

Applications of no more than 20 one-sided pages each (excluding the completed Application for Federal Domestic Assistance (SF424), Summary Information schedule, and any letters from the community or an air carrier showing support for the application), including all required information, must be submitted to www.grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on May 2, 2016. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications in advance of the deadline. Please be aware that applicants must complete the grants.gov registration process before submitting an application, and that this process usually takes two to four weeks to complete.1 The Department will not accept late-filed applications except under limited circumstances related to technical difficulties. Additional information on applying through grants.gov is in Appendix A, including a notice regarding late-filed applications.

1 If an applicant experiences difficulties at any point during the registration or application process, it should contact the grants.gov support center by email (support@grants.gov) or by telephone (1–800–518–4726, available 24/7 except Federal holidays). See www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html.