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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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on the 1st day of July, 2002

In the Matter of the

**SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE
DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM**

under 49 U.S.C. 41743 *et seq.*

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ORDER SETTING FINAL DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Summary

By this order, the Department sets a final deadline of July 19, 2002, for the filing of all applications and supplements thereto under the Small Community Air Service Development Program.

Background

On April 5, 2000, the President signed the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21), P.L. 106-181. Among other things, the statute established a new pilot program designed to help smaller communities enhance their air service. To fund the program, the statute authorized a funding level of \$20.0 million for fiscal year 2001 and \$27.5 million for each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003; no funds were appropriated in fiscal year 2001 and only \$20 million in fiscal year 2002. We established April 22, 2002 as the deadline for the filing of applications seeking priority consideration. On June 26, 2002 (Order 2002-6-14), we announced the award of 40 grants totaling almost \$20 million dollars, subject to each applicant's executing a formal grant agreement with the Department. We also noted that it is possible that not all of the funds awarded in that Order may be expended, since we intend to include in each grant agreement success milestones that each grantee must meet to ensure continuation of funding. All applications received by April 22, 2002, and any received thereafter will be considered equally for any such unexpended funds.

To provide administrative finality to the filing of applications, we will not accept any application, nor any supplement thereto, received after July 19, 2002. The only exception will be if Departmental staff requests additional information from an applicant to facilitate consideration of its application.

ACCORDINGLY,

The deadline for submitting applications in this Docket, or supplements to applications, is July 19, 2002.

This order will be published in the Federal Register.

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