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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Parts 121, 125 and 126

RIN: 3245-AE66

Small Business Size Regulations; Government Contracting Programs; HUBZone Program

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rule; notice of extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule proposes to amend its regulations for the Historically Underutilized Business Zone Program (HUBZone Program). On December 21, 2000, the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000 made several changes to the HUBZone Program, including changes to the eligibility requirements for small business concerns owned by Native American Tribal Governments and Community Development Corporations, and the addition of new HUBZone areas called redesignated areas. This proposed rule addresses these statutory amendments, clarifies several regulations, and makes some technical changes, including changes to website addresses. In addition, SBA proposes to amend its regulations, which address subcontracting limitations and to amend its size regulations to make SBA's application of the nonmanufacturer rule consistent for all programs. The proposed rule was published on January 28, 2002, 67 FR 3826. The comment period closes on February 27, 2002. We are extending the comment period because the Small Business Administration believes that affected businesses need more time to adequately respond.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on January 28, 2002 (67 FR 3826) is extended through March 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to Michael McHale, Associate Administrator for the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program (AA/HUB), U.S. Small Business

Administration, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416 or via e-mail to or hubzone@sba.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NE-13-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-535E4 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to RR RB211-535E4 series turbofan engines. This proposal would require disassembling and inspecting all engine mounts for cracks, refurbishing the engine mounts, and replacing the front mount thrust link spherical bearing. This proposal is prompted by reports of corrosion and fatigue cracks in the mount pins, the spherical bearings, and the support links and their respective spherical bearings. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the engine mounts due to cracks that could result in loss of an engine.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NE-13-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may be inspected at this location, by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address:

adcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith Mead, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7744, fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2001-NE-13-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NE-13-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.

Discussion

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for