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Marion C. Blakey, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, S.W.
Washington, D.C., 20591

CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Administrator Blakey,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that copies of the below identified documents that are, or may be, in the possession or under the control of the FAA be provided to me as required by the Freedom of Information Act:

1. FAA/CAMI contract DTFA-02-95 P 35886;
2. all "deliverables" submitted to the FAA pursuant to this contract,
3. all documents and other memoranda related to the initiation and execution of this contract, including those:
 - authored or reviewed by Mr. Louis Cuisimano, AFS-800,
 - authored or reviewed by Mr. T. Accardi, AFS-1
 - authored or reviewed by Dr. J. Jordan, AAM-1
 - authored or reviewed by Dr. Thomas McCloy and/or Mr. Ronald Simmons, Office of the Chief Scientist and Technical Advisor for Human Factors, AAR-100,
 - authored or reviewed by Q. Smith, AFS-201,
 - authored or reviewed by Dr. David J. Schroeder, AAM-500,
 - authored or reviewed by Dr. Kevin W. Williams, contractor's technical representative for FAA-CAMI, AAM-510,
 - authored or reviewed by Dr. Robert Blanchard, AAM-510, and
 - submitted to the FAA by Research Integrations, Inc.;
4. all documents related to the solicitation for the work to be done under this contract, including:

a statement of work setting forth the scope, objectives, and limitations -- if any -- for the work to be done, and

a statement of the minimum standards or requirements for the professional qualifications of the staff and facilities necessary for a successful bidder; and

5. all cost data, including initial (solicitation) estimates, contract limits, and final payments, together with account numbers to which these dollars were charged.
6. all documents/memoranda relating to the decision to post a description of this exercise on the internet at www1.faa.gov/avr/aam/red/ARR196-6.htm

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me as webmaster of Age60Rule.com is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not for any commercial interest.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I do not seek this information for, and will not use it for, any commercial use. I am a long-time researcher of the regulatory, legal, and factual history of the FAA's age 60 rule. I publish the results of this research on a totally free access, non-profit research resource web site that I host -- at my own expense -- www.age60rule.com. An extract from my web site's policy statement reads:

www.age60rule.com is a free access, annotated archive of documents related to the Age 60 Rule and aging pilot issues. Access is free, everything posted here is available for downloading; again for free; ... Hard copies of any article appearing here will be provided for actual cost of reproduction and postage. Evidence of authenticity or origin is provided for most documents online, and, where not, will be provided from my records on request. Some of the materials I have, myself, created are copyrighted, but unless otherwise noted, permission to quote therefrom is granted freely, and I only request, but do not demand credit.

The full policy statement is available on-line. This non-profit educational research web site has been in existence for over two years, and appears on the first page of a "google" search initiated under the query "age 60 rule."

The report(s) produced pursuant to FAA/CAMI contract DTFA-02-95 P 35886 are significant in the history and rationale underlying the FAA's 40-plus year discussion and defense of its age 60 rule. The documents that I've requested will aid both the general public and the serious researcher by exposing this study's strengths and weaknesses, and by placing them in the historical and technical context.

This request is not dependent upon your waiving the fees, however. If the fee waiver is denied, to save time and subject to later appeal, I agree in advance to pay up to \$100 for the requested documents. If you do not waive the fees, and anticipate that the costs will exceed this \$100, please contact me by phone, fax, or e-mail for further instructions.

Whether the fees are waived or not, your response within ten working days will be appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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