ECHO-WEB System  
Rules of Conduct

I understand that the ECHO-Web system is an official U.S. Federal Government web-based application, and that my signature below expressly gives assurance that I will comply with all U.S. Federal Government and Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, policies, and procedures governing the protection, handling, processing, transmission, distribution, and destruction of sensitive unclassified information utilized by the ECHO-Web system.

I understand that the Department of Transportation monitors the ECHO-Web site to ensure that all users comply with U.S. Federal Government information system security guidelines for the protection of the Federal computer resources. I also understand that by using the ECHO-Web, I expressly consent to such monitoring activities.

I understand that I must not knowingly introduce malicious code into the ECHO-Web system or the secure network on which it resides. I understand that doing so may subject me to criminal prosecution under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1984, as amended codified at section 1030 of Title 18 of the United States Code, or other applicable criminal laws.

I understand that attempts to defeat or circumvent the ECHO-Web system or its secure network, use either for other than the intended purposes for which I have been granted access rights, deny service to authorized users, obtain, alter, damage, or destroy information, or otherwise interfere with the ECHO-Web system or its operation is prohibited. I also understand that evidence of such acts will be disclosed to law enforcement authorities and may result in criminal prosecution under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1984, as amended codified at section 1030 of Title 18 of the United States Code, or other applicable criminal laws.

I understand that I am required to protect all initial passwords issued to me and those later created by me for the purpose of accessing the ECHO-Web system. I understand that the sharing and disclosure of passwords, or the use of another user's ID is prohibited. I also understand that I am required to change my password whenever prompted by the system, and whenever I suspect that my password may have been compromised. In addition, I understand that I am prohibited from embedding my password in log-on scripts. That is, I must respond “no” when asked by the system whether I wish to save my password in the login screen.

I understand that I am required to immediately report all security incidents, including any breach of appropriate system use by another ECHO-Web user, discovery of computer viruses or errors in ECHO-Web system to the Federal Transit Administration promptly.

I understand that I am required to immediately notify the Federal Transit Administration when I no longer require access to the ECHO-Web system.

I understand that failure to comply with any of the above security requirements could result in the loss of system privileges and/or criminal penalties under law.

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Signature             Date

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Printed Name           ECHO Control No.