

NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11774-N	Safety Disposal System, Inc., Opa Locka, FL.	49 CFR 171.8, 172.101, Col 8c, 173.197.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a specially designed outer packaging equipped with liner for use in transporting regulated medical waste, Division 6.2. (Mode 1.)

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33125]

Connecticut Central Railroad Company, Inc.—Modified Rail Certificate

On September 13, 1996, Connecticut Central Railroad Company, Inc. (CCCL), a class III shortline railroad, filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150, Subpart C—*Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* to operate approximately 7.49 miles of abandoned segments of rail line (the Wethersfield Secondary Track) owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (C-DOT).¹ The segments are as follows: (1) between milepost 2.6 and milepost 3.0 at Hartford, CT; (2) between milepost 7.0 at Wethersfield, CT, and milepost 9.8 near Rocky Hill, CT; and (3) between milepost 9.8 and milepost 14.09 at Cromwell, CT.

The 0.4-mile segment between milepost 2.6 and milepost 3.0 was abandoned by Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) in 1987. *Conrail Abandonment of the Wethersfield Industrial Track in Hartford County, CT*, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 992N) (ICC served Mar. 6, 1987). C-DOT acquired this segment on May 5, 1987.

The segment between milepost 7.0 and milepost 9.8 (2.8 miles) was formerly owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and then the Penn Central Transportation Company. The segment was not designated for transfer to Conrail, but was available for subsidy under section 304 of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (3R Act). *USRA-Final System Plan-July 1975—Vol. II*, page 122. C-DOT acquired this segment on October 28, 1981.

¹ By correspondence received October 1 and October 3, 1996, a representative of C-DOT indicates that the involved segments were acquired by C-DOT in separate transactions utilizing state funds and Federal LRSA funds.

The segment between milepost 9.8 and milepost 14.09 (4.29 miles) was acquired by C-DOT on May 4, 1983.²

Pursuant to a first supplemental agreement dated March 28, 1996, between C-DOT and CCCL,³ operations were scheduled to commence no sooner than September 16, 1996, and scheduled to terminate on May 17, 2017.

The rail segments qualify for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity. See *Common Carrier Status of States, State Agencies and Instrumentalities, and Political Subdivisions*, Finance Docket No. 28990F (ICC served July 16, 1981).

No subsidy is involved. There may be preconditions for shippers to meet in order to receive rail service. CCCL indicates that in order for potential shippers to receive service, they may be required to enter into a contractual agreement with it, and may be subject to a special train charge as set forth in CCCL's tariff.

The segment of line between milepost 2.6 and milepost 3.0 will connect with Conrail at Hartford. For the segments between milepost 7.0 and milepost 14.09, CCCL currently maintains interline connections with the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company at Middlefield, CT, and with Conrail at Cedar Hill Yard in New Haven, CT.

This notice must be served on the Association of American Railroads (Car Service Division) as agent for all railroads subscribing to the car-service and car-hire agreement: Association of American Railroads, 50 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20001; and on the American Short Line Railroad Association: American Short Line Railroad Association, 1120 G St., NW., Suite 520, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: October 10, 1996.

² The record indicates that this segment was already out of service and abandoned at the time of the USRA's review of lines to be included in the Conrail Final System Plan. Also, the 1973 edition of the Rand McNally Handy Railroad Atlas shows no track in existence at that time between Rocky Hill and Cromwell.

³ The original notice of lease/operating agreement, dated June 24, 1987, governs CCCL's operations over other rail lines owned by C-DOT.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Directive Number 12-52]

Approval of Privacy Act Documents; authority delegation

Dated: October 8, 1996.

1. *Delegation.* By virtue of the authority vested in the Assistant Secretary (Management) and Chief Financial Officer by Treasury Order (TO) 101-05, I hereby delegate to the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration) the authority to approve, on behalf of the Department, subject to Treasury Directive (TD) 28-01, the notices, determinations and regulations required to be published by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This includes the authority to ratify, where necessary, any such notice or regulation previously issued.

2. *Redelegation.* The authority delegated in paragraph 1. may not be redelegated. During the absence of the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration), notices, determinations and regulations required shall be approved by the Assistant Secretary (Management) and Chief Financial Officer.

3. *Authority.* TO 101-05, "Reporting Relationships and Supervision of Officials, Offices and Bureaus, Delegations of Certain Authority, and Order of Succession in the Department of the Treasury."

4. *References.*

a. TD 28-01, "Preparation and Review of Regulations."

b. TD 25-04, "The Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended."

c. TD 25-03, "Filing Documents for Publication with the Office of the Federal Register."

5. *Expiration Date.* This Directive expires three years from October 8, 1996 unless superseded or cancelled prior to that date.

6. Office of Primary Interest.

Disclosure Services, Administrative Operations Division, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration), Office of the Assistant Secretary (Management) and Chief Financial Officer.

George Muñoz,

Assistant Secretary (Management) and Chief Financial Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Freedom Support Act Undergraduate Program

ACTION: Notice—Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchanges Division, European Programs Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to recruit, select, place, monitor, evaluate, and provide follow-on activities for 150-175 undergraduate students from Armenia, Azerbaijan,* Belarus, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan in the fields of agriculture, business, computer science, criminal justice studies, economics, education, environmental management, EFL/TEFL, journalism and mass communication, library and information science, political science, public health, and sociology. Organizations applying must be able to recruit students via open, merit-based competition throughout all the New Independent States, as listed above, and should be able to place the students at diverse institutions of higher education in the United States, including public and private universities, colleges, and community

colleges. Proposals for programs involving fewer than the 12 countries listed, or limited to university-to-university exchange will not be accepted. This program is subject to the availability of funds.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries . . . ; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations . . . and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world."

The funding authority for the Freedom Support Act Undergraduate Program cited above is provided through the FREEDOM Support Act incorporated into the Foreign Relations Act of 1992-1993.

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number *E/AEE-97-03*.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Tuesday, November 26, 1996. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked November 26, 1996 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

Grant and Program Duration

Grant awards are anticipated to begin on or about January 15, 1997 and terminate on or about August 31, 1998. Student programs are based on the "junior year abroad" model. It is expected that students will arrive in the U.S. in August for pre-academic programs, spend the full 1997-1998 academic year in program, and hold an

internship during the summer months before returning home. Participants must return to their home country immediately following the completion of the USIA-sponsored program. No extensions or transfers for additional study, academic training, or new programs will be allowed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The European Programs Branch, Academic Exchanges Division, E/AEE, Room 246, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone: 202/205-0525, fax: 202/260-7985, e-mail: treed@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria, required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

TO DOWNLOAD A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA INTERNET: The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/> or from the Internet Gopher at [gopher://gopher.usia.gov](http://gopher.usia.gov/). Under the heading "International Exchanges/Training," select "Request for Proposals (RFPs)." Please read "About the Following RFPs" before downloading.

Please specify USIA Senior Program Manager Mr. Ted Kniker on all inquiries and correspondence. Interested applicants should read the complete Federal Register announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

SUBMISSIONS: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and nine (9) copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: *E/AEE-97-03*, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

Applicants must also submit the "Executive Summary" and "Proposal Narrative" sections of the proposal on a 3.5" diskette, formatted for DOS. This material must be provided in ASCII text (DOS) format with a maximum line length of 65 characters. USIA will transmit these files electronically to USIS posts overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time it takes to get posts' comments for the Agency's grants review process.

* Please note: Programs with Azerbaijan are subject to restrictions of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act: Employees of the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities are excluded from participation, and no U.S. participant overseas may work for the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities. In addition, the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities will have no control in the actual selection of participants.