

The application shall provide an in-depth description and assessment of the total cost of achieving the objectives of the Traveler Information System field operational test, and the partnership's plans for raising the matching funds required by this solicitation. The "Financial Plan" should describe a phased approach that delineates what

will be accomplished with the project funding.

The application should provide a comprehensive but concise plan for design, acquisition (including innovative contracting procedures such as design-build), construction, and other procurement actions to improve the systems integration of the functions needed to support a Traveler Information System.

The budget shall show the requested Federal ITS funding and proposed partnership match funding for the activities shown in the table below. The matching funds should be further divided into public and private contribution amounts in the table, as well as the source and type of contribution described in the application.

TOTAL TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM—FIELD OPERATIONAL TEST FUNDING

Activities	Total amount		Source and description of matching funds	
	Federal ITS funds	Matching funds	Public	Private
Design				
Current System Expansion				
New Systems				
Operation/Maintenance				
Evaluation Support				
Project Management				
Outreach/Marketing				
Total				

IX. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Applicants must submit an acceptable "Technical Plan," "Financial Plan," and "Management and Staffing Plan" that provide sound evidence that the proposed partnership can successfully meet the objectives of the Traveler Information System field operational test. The "Technical Plan" and "Financial Plan" will be weighed equally and more than the "Management and Staffing Plan."

(**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 307 note and 315; Secs. 6051–6059, Pub. L. 102–240, 105 Stat. 1914, 2189; and 49 CFR 1.48).

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Jane F. Garvey,

Federal Highway Administrator (Acting).

Gordon J. Linton,

Federal Transit Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. M–037]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved

information collection entitled Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S. Citizen Owned Documented Vessels.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before September 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frances Olsen, Division of Vessel Transfer and Disposal, Office of Sealift Support, MAR–631, Room 7307, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone (202)366–2260 or fax (202) 493–2180. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S. Citizen Owned Documented Vessels.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0006.

Form Number: MA–29, MA–29A, MA–29B (Note: MA–29A is used only in cases of a National Emergency).

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 1997.

Summary of Collection of Information: MARAD is required to approve the sale, transfer, charter, lease, or mortgage of U.S. documented vessels to non-citizens, or the transfer of such vessels to foreign registry and flag, or the transfer of foreign flag vessels by their owners as required by various contractual requirements. These

provisions are implemented by 46 CFR part 221.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection requires a vessel owner to submit an application for a prospective foreign transfer of a U.S.-flag vessel. This information will assist in the determination of whether the vessel proposed for transfer will initially require retention under the U.S.-flag statutory regulation. In such instances, the application is reviewed and cleared for approval by specialists within MARAD, Department of Commerce, and Department of Defense.

Description of Respondents:

Respondents are vessel owners who have applied for foreign transfer of U.S.-flag vessels.

Annual Responses: 220.

Annual Burden: 440 hours.

Comments: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Joel C. Richard, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR–120, Room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 97-7]

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct a public meeting to report on the results of the thirteenth session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) and to discuss the work program for U.S. participation in future meetings of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods during the 1997-1998 biennium.

DATES: July 23, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Room 6200, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frits Wybenga, International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting will be to (1) review the outcome of the thirteenth session of the UNSCOE held from July 7-17, 1997 in Geneva Switzerland and to begin preparation for U.S. participation in the fourteenth session of the SCOE. Topics to be covered during the public meeting include matters related to reformatting the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a model rule, criteria for environmentally hazardous substances, review of intermodal portable tank requirements, review of the requirements applicable to small quantities of hazardous materials in transport (limited quantities), classification of individual substances, requirements for bulk and non-bulk packagings used to transport hazardous materials, requirements for inhalation toxicity materials, and international

harmonization of classification criteria and labeling.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

Documents

Copies of documents submitted to the thirteenth session of the UNSCOE meeting may be obtained from RSPA. Copies of UNSCOE proposals are available by linking to the UN Transport web site at <http://www.itu.int/itudoc/un/editrans/dgdb/dgsgcomm.html>. This site can be accessed through the RSPA Homepage at <http://www.volpe.dot.gov/ohm>. Documents and a summary of U.S. positions may also be ordered by contacting RSPA's Dockets Unit (202-366-5046).

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 14, 1997.

Robert A. McGuire,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0377]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to a claim for repurchase of loan.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,

NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0377" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Claim for Repurchase of Loan, VA Form 26-8084.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0377.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under 38 CFR 36.4600(d), the holder of a delinquent vendee account is legally entitled to repurchase of the loan by VA when the loan has been continuously in default for 3 months and the amount of the delinquency equals or exceeds the sum of 2 monthly installments. When requesting repurchase of a loan, the holder uses VA Form 26-8084. Upon receipt of a holder's VA Form 26-8084, the supporting documents are examined to see that all of the documents required have been submitted and that they are sufficient to complete the repurchase. VA Form 26-8084 is compared with the settlement sheet prepared when the loan was sold and examined closely to establish that there are no errors in the holder's methods of computation. Following repurchase by VA, the obligor(s) are notified in writing that VA has repurchased the loan, and the vendee account is serviced and maintained by VA thereafter.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 421 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.