

effects of the Section 410 Alcohol Incentive Grant Program.

Strategic Issues for Evaluation

- Determining which programs and types of countermeasures to evaluate is a question of setting priorities. Current suggestions for evaluation projects include examining the relative effectiveness of general deterrent legislation (e.g., .08 BAC limits) and specific deterrent legislation (e.g., vehicle impoundment for repeat DWI offenses) on the incidence of alcohol-related crashes.

- Another need is to evaluate the effect of driver license points as a sanction for safety belt use law violations.

- ORTR/RED's ability to offer program evaluation support to individual states and communities is limited. There are usually more programs in need of evaluation than ORTR/RED has capability to serve. One possible method to expand the number of evaluations that can be conducted would be to help develop the capacities of the states to perform evaluations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33472]

Fun Trains, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Lines of CSX Transportation, Inc. and the Florida Department of Transportation

Fun Trains, Inc. (Fun Trains), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150, Subpart D—*Exempt Transactions* to operate an excursion rail passenger service pursuant to trackage rights granted by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) over approximately 241 miles of their lines of railroad between MP 1034 at Hialeah, FL, and MP 793.5 at Poinciana, FL. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on October 1, 1997.

On October 31, 1996, and January 6, 1997, Fun Trains and its corporate parent, First American Railways, Inc. (First American), entered into an agreement with CSXT entitled "Trackage Rights Agreement" and an agreement with FDOT entitled "Operating Agreement" (collectively, the Agreements). Pursuant to the Agreements, CSXT and FDOT will grant Fun Trains exclusive overhead trackage rights over their rail properties to operate a privately funded excursion passenger train to be known as the "Florida Fun Train." The Agreements are for a 5-year term with an option to renew for another 5-year term, subject to Amtrak's right to operate intercity rail

passenger service, the rights of publicly funded government agencies (or their agents) to run passenger service, the rights of others to operate high speed passenger service, and CSXT's right to run freight service over these lines. Amtrak will supply locomotives and crews. First American and Fun Trains will jointly and severally assume the obligations established under the Agreements.

Fun Trains will provide a one-way and a round-trip entertainment service between Hollywood and the Poinciana, FL areas, offering deluxe coach accommodations, food and beverage service, and on-board entertainment. No service will be provided to intermediate points in competition with the service presently provided by Amtrak or Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority and no joint ticketing arrangements will be available.¹

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.31. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. A petition to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33472, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 420, 1920 "N" Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: October 16, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[PS-52-93]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

¹ Concurrently, Fun Trains filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction, asserting that the proposed service is outside the Board's jurisdiction as a wholly intrastate excursion rail passenger service. The entire Board will address the jurisdictional issue raised by the motion to dismiss in a subsequent decision.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, PS-52-93 (TD 8659), Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Excise Tax; Registration Requirements (§§ 48.4082-2, 48.4101-1, 48.4101-2, 48.6427-8, and 48.6427-9).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 22, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Excise Tax; Registration Requirements.

OMB Number: 1545-1418.

Regulation Project Number: PS-52-93.

Abstract: This regulation relates to the taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel and affects certain blenders, enterers, industrial users, refiners, terminal operators, throughputters, and certain persons that sell, buy, or use diesel fuel for a nontaxable use. The regulation provides guidance on registration, notification, and recordkeeping requirements which enable the IRS and taxpayers to verify that the proper amount of tax is reported, excluded, refunded, or credited.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, farms, and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 322,550.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 36,885.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 17, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP)

NOTICE—Revised Request for Proposals (RFP). This notice amends the RFP published on October 2, 1997, providing for assistance awards by the Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency to support free trade and market economies, and/or the environment and sustainable development. The RFP is amended to include Israel as an eligible country for proposed bilateral and trilateral projects. The RFP's closing date remains January 16, 1998. Potential applicants should refer to the RFP published on October 2, 1997 for full details about

applying for assistance awards under this RFP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of Academic Programs; Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Programs Division; College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP), (E/ASU), Room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, phone: (202) 619-5289, fax: (202) 401-1433. Send a message via Internet to: affiliat@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package includes more detailed award criteria; all application forms; and 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/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

To receive a solicitation package via fax on demand: The entire Solicitation Package may be received via the Bureau's "Grants Information Fax on Demand System," which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. Please request a "Catalog" of available documents and order numbers when first entering the system.

Please specify "College and University Affiliations Program Officer" on all inquiries and correspondence. Prospective applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the College and University Affiliations Program staff or submitting their 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.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

Robert L. Earle,

Deputy Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Freedom Support Act Junior Faculty Development Program

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Academic Exchanges Division, European 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) may apply to develop and administer a comprehensive faculty and curriculum development program for 82 young faculty from Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan who will be affiliated at accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States in the following fields: business administration, economics, educational administration, environmental studies, journalism, law, library science, political science, psychology, public policy, public administration, sociology, architecture and urban planning, cultural anthropology, history, linguistics, philosophy, literature, and American studies.

It is the intent of USIA to provide participants with high quality programs designed to meet their specific academic and professional needs, within the parameters of the JFDP, and to promote long-term sustained interaction between and among participants, U.S. faculty and their home and host institutions.

USIA anticipates awarding one grant for this program. Should an applicant organization prefer to work with other organizations in the implementation of this program, USIA prefers that a subcontract arrangement be developed. USIA will entertain separately submitted proposals for joint program management, but the proposals must demonstrate a value-added relationship, and must clearly delineate responsibilities so as not to duplicate efforts.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 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 program cited above is provided through the Freedom Support Act.