

TNR seeks to acquire, lease and operate a rail line from Alabama & Florida Railway Company.

At the time it filed this notice, GORH owned and controlled seven existing Class III rail carriers: Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., which operates in Northwestern Mississippi under the trade name Mississippi Delta Railroad (MSDR);¹ Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in East Tennessee; Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in North Carolina; Lexington & Ohio Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in North Central Kentucky; Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad, Inc., which operates in Northwestern North Carolina under the trade name of Yadkin Valley Railroad; Rocky Mount & Western Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in Central North Carolina; and Wiregrass Central Railroad Company, Inc., which operates in Southeastern Alabama. Claussens, who wholly own GORH, also own and control H&S Railroad, Inc., which operates in Alabama.

GORH and the Claussens state that: (1) The railroads do not connect with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; (2) the continuance-in-control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the eight railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and

11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions 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. 33982, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman & Kider, PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: June 22, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986):

Bahrain,
Iraq,
Kuwait,
Lebanon,
Libya,
Oman,
Qatar,

Saudi Arabia,
Syria,
United Arab Emirates,
Yemen, Republic of.

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Barbara Angus,

International Tax Counsel, (Tax Policy).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

[Notice No. 920]

The Gang Resistance Education and Training Program: Availability of Financial Assistance, Criteria and Application Procedures

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for financial assistance to State and local law enforcement agencies providing or desiring to provide the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program, intended funding priorities, and application procedures.

SUMMARY: Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) intends to enter into cooperative agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies to assist them in providing the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. This notice also sets forth the intended funding priorities and the criteria and application procedures that ATF will use to select and award State and local law enforcement agencies Federal funds to provide the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before September 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001; *ATTN: Notice No. 920.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Scott, G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001 (1-800-726-7070); or by sending electronic mail (E-mail) to: Great@atfhq.atf.treas.gov, or visit the G.R.E.A.T. website at www.atf.treas.gov/great/index.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

G.R.E.A.T. is a gang prevention program designed to educate the youth

¹ The line is the subject of a petition for exemption in *County of Coahoma, Mississippi—Abandonment Exemption—in Tallahatchie and Coahoma Counties, MS*, STB Docket No. AB-579X, and *Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., d/b/a Mississippi Delta Railroad—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Tallahatchie and Coahoma Counties, MS*, STB Docket No. AB-580X, that was granted by the Board by decision served June 15, 2001. In that decision, the Board approved the abandonment and discontinuance of service over the County of Coahoma's 51.06-mile rail line consisting of: (1) The 18.6-mile Lula Segment between milepost 55.40 near Lula and milepost 74.00 near Lyon, MS; and (2) the 32.46-mile Swan Lake Line between milepost 74.00 near Lyon and milepost 79.00 near Clarksdale, MS, and between milepost 76.54 near Clarksdale and milepost 104.00 at Swan Lake. The Board also approved the discontinuance of both incidental overhead trackage rights and the lease operating rights over 1.39 miles of an Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) rail line between milepost 104.00 and the connection with IC's main line at milepost 105.39. This discontinuance involves MSDR's entire railroad operation.

about the dangers associated with joining street gangs and participating in violent crime. It functions as a cooperative program that utilizes the skills of ATF, Federal, State and local law enforcement personnel, as well as individuals from the community and civic groups. The G.R.E.A.T. Program trains police officers to provide instruction to grade and middle school aged children in gang prevention and anti-violence techniques. Training may be provided to any Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, to the extent allocated funds allow. G.R.E.A.T. consists of three major components:

Component I—School-Based Education
Component II—After School/Summer Education/Booster Classes
Component III—Parent Involvement

Although the primary focus of the G.R.E.A.T. Program is Component I, applicants who are selected for financial assistance will be required to develop programs tailored to their respective communities for Components II and III.

Application Procedures

Application for financial assistance must be made on ATF Form 6410.1 (Gang Resistance Education and Training Funding Application). Application forms may be obtained by contacting James Scott, G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001 (1-800-726-7070). E-mail address: Great@atfhq.atf.treas.gov, or visit the G.R.E.A.T. website at www.atf.treas.gov/great/index.htm.

Funding Categories and Funding Distributions

In order to provide funding to a range of community sizes and locations, the applicants will be divided into five categories based on population. These categories will consist of populations: (A) 1,000,000 and over; (B) 500,000–999,999; (C) 100,000–499,999; (D) 25,000–99,999; (E) 24,999 or less. Each applicant will be required to report its population figures by using the Bureau of Census State Population Report for its entire service area. The population figures may be obtained from the Census Bureau's website at: www.census.gov/population/www/estimates or contacting the Census Bureau at 301-457-4608.

Criteria and Points

Each application will be evaluated and scored on the basis of the following criteria: (1) Juvenile crime statistics—(25%); (2) Percentage of middle school students proposed to be taught and have been taught—(35%); (3) Presence of

curriculum reinforcement programs (Elementary, middle and high school life-skills programs, as well as summer, family and after school programs. Community partnerships will also be reviewed.)—(25%); (4) Support of National G.R.E.A.T. Program training—(15%).

Criterion 1. This criterion is designed to measure the magnitude of an applicant's youth crime problem. This criterion will utilize the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for the United States that are published annually by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The total juvenile crime figures that will be used are the Part I and II offenses reported in the most recent UCR. The Part I and II offenses that are reported in the UCR are enumerated and defined in Appendix II of the UCR. In the event that an applicant does not provide annual data to the FBI for purposes of the UCR, the applicant should contact the G.R.E.A.T. Branch to determine how it can best submit information to measure its youth crime statistics. ATF will obtain the juvenile crime figures directly from the FBI. An applicant must indicate which service area (*i.e.*, city, county, etc.) ATF should use to obtain their juvenile crime figures, as computed using the most recent UCR.

Criterion 2. This criterion will measure middle school participation and consists of two sections, Section A and Section B.

Section A. An applicant will receive points based on the percentage of middle school students proposed to be taught G.R.E.A.T. compared to the total population of middle school students in the jurisdiction.

Section B. An applicant will receive points based on the percentage of middle school students that were taught G.R.E.A.T. in the last school year compared to last year's total population of middle school students.

Criterion 3. This criterion is used to identify applicants who currently have life skills programs in place that reinforce the effectiveness of the G.R.E.A.T. middle school core curriculum. Applicants will be asked to identify elementary, middle and high school programs that they have, as well as other summer, parent/family and after school programs. Applicants will need to include a narrative describing their programs and identify which life skills are being taught. This criterion will also identify applicants who have fostered community partnerships in order to enhance their local programs.

Criterion 4. This criterion will recognize applicants who regularly participate in G.R.E.A.T. sponsored committees, workshops, seminars, and/

or have supplied National Training Team members for G.R.E.A.T. officer training.

Other Considerations

Prior year spending of G.R.E.A.T. funds from past year applicants will be taken into consideration when determining their future funding levels. In addition, in order to assure that the G.R.E.A.T. funds are being spent in a fiscally responsible manner, the per child cost for an applicant to conduct the program will be taken into consideration when awarding funds.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

For the purpose of tracking Federal funds used in grants and cooperative agreements, the G.R.E.A.T. Program has been assigned the CFDA #21.053.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collection of information contained in this notice has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)) under control number 1512-0548.

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Authority and Issuance

This notice is issued pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102 (Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments).

Approved: June 21, 2001.

Bradley A. Buckles,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[PS-97-91; PS-101-90]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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