

a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 28567." The postcard will be date stamped and mailed to the commenter.

Comments submitted about this Notice may be examined at the FAA at the above address in room 915G on weekdays, except on Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. In addition, commenters will be able to review all other comments by Internet. Your submission should not contain any proprietary or other information that you do not want to be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Chuck Fluet, Manager, Safety Analysis Division, Office of Aviation Safety, ASY-200, Federal Aviation Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone 202-267-GAIN (202-267-4246).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 10, 1996, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a notice [Notice] entitled, "A Call for the Development of Prototype(s) for a Global Analysis and Information Network (GAIN)" (61 FR 21522). The Notice solicited comments from all interested parties on the GAIN concept and implementation strategy for collecting and analyzing aviation safety data, and invited participation in the development of proof-of-concept prototypes. The comment period for this Notice was originally scheduled to end June 14, 1996.

However, in order to give interested parties sufficient time to prepare comprehensive comments concerning the issues raised in the May 10, 1996, Notice, the FAA has determined that it is in the public interest to extend the comment period. In light of considerable interest in the GAIN concept, this extension will allow commenters additional time to submit information. The additional time should result in more comprehensive comments, which in turn will facilitate more productive communications between commenters and more fruitful exploration of potential joint ventures prior to the FAA hosting a conference to discuss refinements of the GAIN concept and prototype(s) development.

Accordingly, the comment period will close on July 19, 1996.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 11, 1996.
Christopher A. Hart,

Assistant Administrator for System Safety.
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Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT), Maritime Administration (MARAD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 7, 1996 [FR 61, page 9223].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Freeman, (202) 366-6057, and refer to the OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Applications and Amendments for Participant Under Section 651, Subtitle B, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as Amended.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0525.

Abstract: The Maritime Security Bill provides for the acceptance of applications for enrollment in the Maritime Security Fleet. Because each vessel accepted as a participant in the Maritime Security Fleet will receive support payments for up to ten years, the information submitted on the application must be certified to be true and correct.

The information collected will form the pool of vessels from which the Maritime Security Fleet will be selected.

The information collected is intended for: the initial application for participation in the Maritime Security Fleet, and amendments for additional vessels or changes to existing vessels or status of the applicant.

Respondents: The respondents are carrier desiring to enroll their vessels in the Maritime Security Program Fleet.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: The number of respondents are approximately 10. The total annual responses are 10. The total annual burden hours are 80.

Frequency: Reporting is one-time.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 6, 1996.
Phillip A. Leach,
Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.
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Surface Transportation Board ¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 32973]

Consolidated Rail Corporation—Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Inc.

Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Inc. (GTW) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) over rail lines located on the GTW River Subdivision in Trenton, MI, beginning at milepost 10.23 at Quarry Road, extending southerly to and including the crossover tracks and rail connections at FN Interlocker at milepost 10.99, continuing south through FN Interlocker to West Road at milepost 11.86; and the sidetrack at milepost 11.26 and its associated run-around track up to but not extending beyond King Road or the GTW property line. The trackage rights agreement restricts Conrail to using the trackage for purposes of serving the Trenton Steel Warehouse in the city of Trenton. The trackage rights were to become effective on or after June 5, 1996.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32973, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: David C. Ziccardi, Associate General Counsel, Consolidated Rail Corporation, 2001 Market Street, 16A, P. O. Box 41416, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*,

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11323-24.

354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

Decided: June 6, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 32972]

K & E Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

K & E Railway Company, a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate over approximately 57.69 miles of rail lines of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company as follows: (i) Between milepost 0.6, at or near Kiowa, KS, and milepost 56.98, at or near Blanton, OK; and (ii) between mileposts 299.88 and 301.19 near Cherokee, OK.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after May 30, 1996.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 32972, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Ball, Janik & Novack, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: June 6, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

ACTION: Notice; request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Washington-based public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to assist USIA in the administration of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program Washington Workshop. The organization will plan and implement a conference up to four days for approximately 117 mid-career professionals from developing countries, Central/Eastern Europe, and the NIS between the dates of May 3 to May 21, 1997 (final dates to be determined).

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." 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/ASU-96-05*.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Thursday, July 11, 1996. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked July 11 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Grant should begin on or about September 16, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Leigh Rieder, Specialized Programs Unit, E/ASU, Room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone: (202) 619-5289, fax: (202) 401-1433, Internet address: rieder@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 Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/> or from the Internet Gopher at <gopher.usia.gov>. Under the heading "International Exchange/Training," select "Request for Proposals." Please read "About the Following RFPs" before downloading.

Please specify USIA Program Officer Leigh Rieder on all inquiries and correspondences. 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 six copies of the proposal should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/ASU-96-05, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

Diversity Guidelines

Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including, but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle both in program administration and in program content. Please refer to the review criteria under the "Support for Diversity" section for specific suggestions on incorporating diversity into the total proposal.

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