

demonstration and eventual development into a marketable product: FRA intends that this project will lay the groundwork which will eventually lead to the marketable production high speed non-electric passenger locomotive. The degree to which the proposed work effort will lead to the a marketable locomotive and this unit's expected suitability for the target market will be evaluated, including the expected performance and expected initial and life-cycle cost.

- Meeting of performance targets: The degree to which the proposed locomotive is capable of meeting the performance targets outlined herein will be evaluated.

- Design issues: The adequacy with which the applicant addresses the design issues outlined herein will be evaluated.

- Test and Demonstration: The applicant's demonstrated experience in conducting locomotive test and demonstration programs along with a brief outline of a potential test and demonstration program, especially with regard to issues of in-service demonstration on the railroad system and potential liability, and the outlined test program's likelihood of accurately characterizing the performance, reliability, maintainability, and operating cost of the prototype locomotive will be evaluated.

- Schedule: FRA desires to have the locomotive available as soon as possible while considering the expected availability dates for any Government Furnished Equipment to be used.

- Overall project cost and proportion of cost the locomotive manufacturer/applicant is willing to share with the Government.

### Content of Applications

In general, an application should address all of the evaluation criteria outlined herein. Further, the cost and technical portions of the application should be separated such that the technical and cost merits of the application can be evaluated separately.

### Technical

The technical portion of the application should be 50 pages or less and shall contain the following information:

1. Standard Form (SF) 424 (Rev. 4/92)—Application for Federal Assistance.

2. An executive summary of the proposed project not exceeding two pages in length.

3. A description of the applicant's qualifications to complete the project, including a description of the proposed

organizational team members and their individual qualifications.

4. Description of the locomotive platform on which the high-speed demonstration locomotive is to be based and a description of its suitability for high-speed use with regard to the requirements outlined in this solicitation.

5. Description of the proposed work to design and fabricate the high-speed demonstration locomotive and the expected performance of the locomotive for both Phase I and Phase II. Description of how the design issues herein will be addressed.

6. Brief outline of a potential test and demonstration program, including duration and provisions for maintaining and repairing the locomotive during testing and demonstration. The applicant should describe its own test facilities as well as its experience working with and ability to coordinate and cooperate with Amtrak, the Transportation Technology Center, railroads and other relevant parties, as well as the means by which liability issues will be addressed during the test and demonstration phase.

7. A proposed schedule for the entire project.

8. A description of how the project will comply with the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a–10c) and the domestic content restrictions set forth in Section 331 of the 1998 DOT Appropriations Act.

### Cost

The cost portion of the application shall contain a cost estimate for the proposed effort sufficiently detailed by element of cost for a meaningful evaluation. The estimate shall be summarized in an easily readable format and broken down for each year of the proposed work, and shall include the following information:

1. A breakdown of estimated labor costs by category and quantity (to the person-year level is sufficient), materials costs, significant special tooling costs (if any), travel expenses and other costs sufficient to evaluate the expected level of effort in project. Technical alternatives must be separately priced.

2. Complete breakdown of any major subcontracts.

3. The description of the nature and magnitude of costs the applicant is willing to bear (cost sharing), including a certification that the applicant has secured the appropriate cost share funding levels and identifying the source(s) of funding.

4. An estimate of the cost of a production version of both Phase I and Phase II locomotives expressed in 1998

dollars, assuming an initial order for 25 units. This estimate should separately state the locomotive manufacturer's unreimbursed development costs associated with this project and an explanation of how this estimate was derived.

5. Standard Form (SF) 424A (Rev. 4/92)—Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs.

6. Certifications and Assurances—Packet includes certifications for—

- (a) Debarment/Suspension/Ineligibility

- (b) Drug-free Work Place

- (c) Lobbying

- (d) Indirect Costs

- (e) SF 424B (Rev. 4/92) Assurances—Non-Construction

7. Submission of a Minority Business Enterprise/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program description in compliance with 49 CFR Part 23.

8. Identification of cognizant (Federal or non-Federal) audit agency and date of last audit, or advise if never audited. Include name, address, telephone and point of contact.

9. Identification of (a) authorized negotiators for your organization and (b) the official(s) with authority to legally bind your organization to the terms of the Cooperative Agreement. Include name(s), address, and telephone numbers.

Dated: December 26, 1997.

**Jolene M. Molitoris,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 9513

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

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**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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 9513, Self Assessment—SES Candidate Development Program.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 6, 1998 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:* Self Assessment—SES Candidate Development Program.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1368.

*Form Number:* Form 9513.

*Abstract:* Form 9513 is used to collect information from applicants for the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. The form provides additional information to be used by executive panels to rate and rank applicants against the criteria (leadership competencies) for selection into the program.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and the Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 500.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,000.

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: December 22, 1997.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 9514**

**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 and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 9514, Supervisor Assessment—SES Candidate Development Program.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 6, 1998 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:* Supervisor Assessment—SES Candidate Development Program.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1369.

*Form Number:* Form 9514.

*Abstract:* Form 9514 is used to collect information from supervisors of

applicants for the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. The form provides additional information to be used by executive panels to rate and rank applicants against the criteria (leadership competencies) for selection into the program.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and the Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 500.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,000.

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.

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