

Review Process and Criteria

Initially, all applications will be reviewed to confirm that the applicant is an eligible recipient and to assure that the application contains all of the information required by the Application Contents section of this notice. Each complete application from an eligible recipient will then be evaluated by a Technical Evaluation Committee. The applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. The applicant's understanding of the purpose and unique problems represented by the research objectives of this cooperative agreement program as evidenced in the description of their proposed research effort. Specific attention shall be placed upon the applicant's stated means for obtaining the quantity of experimental material necessary to conduct the proposed research effort.

2. The potential of the proposed research effort accomplishments to make an innovative and/or significant contribution to the base of biomechanical knowledge as it may be applied to saving lives and reducing injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes.

3. The technical merit of the proposed research effort, including the feasibility of the approach, planned methodology, and anticipated results.

4. The adequacy of test facilities and equipment identified to accomplish the proposed research effort, including impact simulation.

5. The adequacy of the organizational plan for accomplishing the proposed research effort, including the qualifications and experience of the research team, the various disciplines represented, and the relative level of effort proposed for professional, technical, and support staff.

Award Selection Factors

The award selection may be based solely on the evaluation results. Award preference may be given to an innovative or creative approach that offers a potentially significant contribution to achieve the specific objectives of this cooperative research effort. Award preference may be given to a proposal with a larger percentage of cost sharing.

Terms and Conditions of the Award

1. The protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects and the ethical use of human surrogates in NHTS-sponsored research is governed by NHTSA Orders 700-1 through 700-4. Any recipient must satisfy the requirements and guidelines of these NHTSA Orders prior to award of the cooperative agreement. A copy of NHTS Orders 770-1 through 700-4 may be obtained from the programmatic information contact designated in this notice.

2. Prior to award, each recipient must comply with the certification requirements of 49 CFR Part 29—Department of Transportation Government-wide Department and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), as well as CFR Part 200-Department of Transportation New Restrictions on Lobbying.

3. During the effective period of the cooperative agreement(s) awarded as a result of this notice, each agreement shall be subject to the general administrative requirements of the requirements of 49 CFR Part 19, 20 and 29, the cost principles of OMB Circular A-21, A-122, or FAR 31.2 as applicable to the recipient, and the NHTS General Provisions for Assistance Agreements.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

Joseph N. Kanianthra,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33634]

Sunbelt Railroad Historical Trust—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of the Southeast Kansas Railroad Company

Sunbelt Railroad Historical Trust (SRHT), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire approximately 35.99 miles of rail line from the Southeast Kansas Railroad Company (SEK), between milepost 152.01, near Tulsa, OK, and

milepost 188.00, near Barnsdall, OK. SRHT will not acquire the right to operate any freight service on the line, but will provide excursion passenger service. On Line Rail Services Company, Inc. (OLRS) will be the operator of freight service on the line.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after July 21, 1998.

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33634, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, BALL JANIK LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: August 6, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 98-68]

Revocation of Customs Broker License

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Broker License Revocation.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Customs, pursuant to Section 641, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 1641), and Parts 111.52 and 111.74 of the Customs Regulations, as amended (19 CFR 111.52 and 111.74), is canceling the following Customs broker licenses without prejudice.

Port	Individual	License No.
Seattle	C & Y International	11796
New York	J.D. Smith Customs Brokers, Inc	04853
New York	JCM Air Sea, Ltd	10061
New York	Import Express Services, Inc	13517
Dallas	Ericson, Inc.	11815

¹ OLRS will apparently be filing a notice of exemption to operate the line.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Philip Metzger,

Director, Trade Compliance.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Regional Investment Initiative (RII) Internet Project in Samara Oblast: Public Access Internet Sites, Training and Development of Internet Resources

ACTION: Notice—Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchanges Division, European Programs 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 with at least four years experience administering international exchange and training programs and demonstrated experience administering Internet projects in the Russian Federation and meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop the Regional Investment Initiative (RII) Internet Project in Samara Oblast.

For the RII Internet Project in Samara Oblast, USIA seeks proposals that would: Establish and/or enhance at least five non-commercial public access Internet sites at libraries, universities or other RII partner institutions in Samara and Togliatti designated by the United States Information Service in Moscow with the concurrence of the oblast administration; Train staff of the partner institutions to manage and maintain the public access Internet sites; Provide e-mail and Internet training to diverse groups of end-users, including participants in and alumni of USIA and other U.S. government-sponsored programs; Develop, adapt, or identify Russian language training materials for individual and group instruction and training of trainer courses at public access Internet sites; Publicize the project to target audiences; Organize a series of topical seminars designed to attract target audiences to the public access Internet sites, and; Administer a small grants competition for the development of Internet materials in Russian and English that further higher education and professional training in business, law, public administration, and transparency of governance.

Proposals should reflect a thorough understanding of the

telecommunications infrastructure in Samara Oblast, technical requirements for implementing all aspects of the project including procurement of appropriate equipment and services required to connect partner institutions to the Internet and establish non-commercial public access Internet sites, and the political, economic, and social environment in which the program activity will take place.

The goal of the RII Internet Project is to foster free and open access to Internet-based information resources and facilitate the dissemination of useful online information in Russian and English to students, professors and practitioners of business, law, public administration, non-governmental organizations and other constituencies in Samara and Togliatti that promote and support Russian-American cooperation and communication. The Regional Investment Initiative is a new program to expand trade and investment between Russia's regions and the U.S., foster U.S.-Russia economic, social, and community-based linkages, and coordinate U.S. government assistance in the Russian Federation. USIA expects the Internet project to achieve results on two levels: by building institutional capacity in Samara and Togliatti and by empowering end-users to obtain and publish online information resources, such as Web sites, newsletters, and listservs in business, law, public administration and related educational and professional fields. Applicant organizations must include a plan with clear benchmarks that demonstrates how permanent results will be achieved, monitored, and reported to USIA as a result of the activities funded by the grant.

Successful applicant organizations will be required to work in ongoing consultation with the United States Information Service in Moscow, the State Department's Regional Investment Initiative Coordinator in Samara, and the United States Information Agency in Washington to ensure effective implementation of project activities.

Interested organizations should read the complete **Federal Register** Announcement and request a Solicitation Package from USIA prior to preparing a proposal and should consult with USIA and USIS Moscow about the proposed partner institutions for public access Internet sites in Samara and Togliatti before submitting a proposal.

Applicant organizations may apply to administer the Project individually or as a consortium, via a subcontract arrangement, as long as one organization is designated to be the recipient of the grant. USIA anticipates awarding one

assistance award in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the implementation of this Project for a period of 20 months. The award is expected to begin in late October 1998. Project activities should be completed by June 30, 2000.

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."

The funding authority for the project is provided through the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Act of 1992 (Freedom Support Act). The legislation was established to assist the economic and democratic development of the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package.

Announcement Title and Number: All communications with USIA concerning this RFP should refer to the announcement's title and reference number E/AEE-99-01.

Deadline for Proposals: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Thursday September 17, 1998. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked by the due date but received at a later date will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchanges Division, European Programs Branch, E/AEE, Room 246, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547; telephone number (202) 205-0525; fax: (202) 260-7985 to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria. Please request required application forms, and standard guideline for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet: The entire Solicitation