

Lobbying." Applicants are also hereby notified of the following:

1. Non procurement Debarment and Suspension—Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 105) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension," and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

2. Drug Free Workplace—Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, Subpart F, "Government Wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

3. Anti-Lobbying—Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants of more than \$100,000; and

4. Anti-Lobbying Disclosures—Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

Lower Tier Certifications

(1) Recipients must require applicants/bidders for subgrants or lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to Department of State (DOS). SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DOS in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(2) Recipients and subrecipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal and Department of State policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(3) Preaward Activities—If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation to the applicant on the part of Department of State to cover preaward costs.

(4) This program is subject to the requirements of OMB Circular No. A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Institutions," and 15 CFR part 24, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," as applicable. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

(5) All non-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associate with the applicant have been convicted of, or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters with significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(6) A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(7) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

(i) The delinquent account is paid in full,

(ii) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

(iii) Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of State are made.

(8) Buy American-Made Equipment or Products—Applicants are encouraged that any equipment or products authorized to be purchased with funding provided under this program must be American-made to the maximum extent feasible.

(9) The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

(d) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of State has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of State.

(e) In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving assistance from the INL ACTTA program.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number. The standard forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act under OMB approval number 0348-0043, 0348-0044, and 0348-0046.

Classification: This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: January 20, 1998.

Thomas M. Browne Jr.,

Deputy Director, Office of Europe, NIS, and Training, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2717]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Closed Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy will meet from 9:00-1:00 pm on Thursday, February 5, 1998 in Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20520. The Closed Meeting will be hosted by Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, Alan Larson.

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), it has been determined the meeting will be closed to the public. Matters relative to classified national security information as well as privileged commercial information will be discussed.

For further information, contact Sharon Rogers, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 6828, Main State, Washington, DC 20520. She may be reached at telephone number (202) 647-5968 or fax number (202) 647-5713.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

Alan Larson,

Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate the information collection entitled Highway Safety and Improvement Program and Priorities. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published in 62 FR 58767, October 30, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears below in this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Epstein, Office of Highway Safety, (202) 366-2157, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

[FHWA Docket No. 2983]

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Affected Public: The overall annual reporting burden is shared by the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Title: Highway Safety and Improvement Program and Priorities.

OMB No: 2125-0025.

Abstract: Each year all States and Territories are required to report to the Secretary of Transportation on the progress being made in implementing the Highway Safety Improvement Programs (Rail-Highway Crossings and Hazard Elimination) and the effectiveness of these programs. The Secretary is required to report annually to the Congress on the progress of the safety programs based upon the information reported by the States. The FHWA receives the program information from the States. Numerical data are processed and stored in the computerized Highway Safety Evaluation System. A report is then prepared for Congress providing the required information on the effectiveness of highway safety improvement projects. Congress uses the contents of this report when determining the level of funding for the Highway Safety Improvement Programs and when modifying these programs.

The information collected by the States in the survey of all public roads includes motor vehicle accident data, traffic volume data, and highway inventory data. This information is used by the States to identify hazards and to determine what safety improvements would be cost-effective when mitigating those hazards. Without this process fewer lives would be saved and fewer injuries averted by the Highway Safety Improvement Programs administered by the FHWA.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The annual reporting burden is estimated to be 11,220 hours.

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

Your comments to OMB are best assured of having its full impact if OMB receives them within 30 days of publication. This does not affect the deadline for the public to comment on DOT proposed regulations.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and

clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 6, 1998.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published in 62 FR 60117, November 6, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott A. Poyer, Chief Economist, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Office of Great Lakes Pilotage, United States Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 5424, Washington, DC 20590, (800) 785-2779, or Marc C. Owen, Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Suite 5424, Washington, DC 20590, (800) 785-2779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, DOT.

Title: Great Lakes Pilotage Rate Methodology.

OMB Control Number: 2135-0501.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Great Lakes Pilot Associations.

Affected Public: The Great Lakes Pilotage Act of 1960 authorizes the Director of Great Lakes Pilotage to