

the CNW (A&E) Main Track at Madison, IL, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on November 28, 1998. Petitions to reopen must be filed by November 18, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33609 must be filed with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Also, send one copy to petitioner's representative: James R. Paschall, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600 [TDD for hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20423-0001. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 565-1695.]

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

Decided: October 20, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

October 21, 1998.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 30, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1384.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 3911.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund.

*Description:* If taxpayer inquires about their nonreceipt of refund (or lost or stolen refund) and the refund has been issued, the information and taxpayer signature are needed to begin tracing action.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institution.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 520,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 43,160 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1397.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8453-OL.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for On-Line Filing.

*Description:* This form is used to secure taxpayer signatures and declarations in conjunction with the On-Line Electric Filing program. This form, together with the electronic transmission, comprises the taxpayer's return.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 50,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 12,500 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1463.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 4996.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Electronic/Magnetic Media Filing Transmittal for Wage and Withholding Tax Returns.

*Description:* Form 4996 allows reporting agents to identify tax returns submitted on magnetic tapes or electronic transmissions. The reporting agent's signature is the signature of the "composite return" as required by Internal Revenue Regulations 31.6011(a)-8. Reporting agents are persons or organizations that submit tax returns or federal tax deposits on magnetic tape or via telecommunications.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 6 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 170 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1465.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-54-94 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Environmental Settlement Funds—Classification.

*Description:* Section 7701 and the regulations thereunder classify entities for federal tax purposes as partnerships, associations, and trusts. Section 671 requires a grantor treated as an owner of a portion of a trust to include items in income. This regulation provides reporting rules.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 4 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (Once).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 2,000 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 21, 1998.

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**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 30, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1612.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-209830-96 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction.

*Description:* The information requested in regulation section 20.2056(b)-7(d)(3)(ii) is necessary to provide a method for estates of decedents whose estate tax returns were due on or before February 18, 1997, to obtain an extension of time to make the qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) election under section 2056(b)(7)(B)(v).

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (Once).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1 hour.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Commission to Study Capital Budgeting

**AGENCY:** Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The agenda for the next meeting on Friday, November 13, 1998, of the Commission to Study Capital Budgeting includes the review and discussion of the second draft of its final report. The final report on capital budgeting is due on December 13, 1998. Meetings are open to the public. Limited seating capacity is available.

### Date, Time and Place of the Next Commission Meeting

*November 13, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to Noon*  
 White House Conference Center,  
 Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place,  
 NW, Washington, DC 20503.

The Commission is seeking all views on capital budgeting. Interested parties may submit their views to: Dick Emery, Executive Director, President's Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Old Executive Office Building (Room 258), Washington, DC 20503, Voice: (202) 395-4630, Fax: (202) 395-6170, E-

Mail: capital\_\_budget@omb.eop.gov,  
 Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/PCSCB/>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** E. William Dinkelacker, Ph.D., Designated Federal Official, Room 4456 Main Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, Voice: (202) 622-1285, Fax: (202) 622-1294, E-Mail:

[william.dinkelacker@treas.sprint.com](mailto:william.dinkelacker@treas.sprint.com).

**Angel E. Ray,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Educational Advising Program for Students and Scholars From the Middle East and North Africa

**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 program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to offer overseas educational advising, orientation and information services for international students and scholars in the Middle East and North Africa concerning opportunities in U.S. higher education. Awards will be made to support local educational information services in Egypt; Gaza; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Morocco; Syria; Tunisia; Yemen; and West Bank/Jerusalem; and Washington headquarters resource and training support to educational advisers and/or field office directors. These centers will facilitate international educational exchange through overseas educational advising, orientation, and information services for foreign students and scholars seeking information on opportunities in U.S. higher education. This program supports international educational exchange between countries of these regions and the U.S. through direct, field-based services. The assistance award will also include the provision of regional educational advising coordination, support, and training services, to be based in an appropriate location within the region.

The program awards up to \$495,000 for a one-year period. Grants awarded to organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs will be limited to \$60,000. Grants are subject to

the availability of funds for Fiscal Year 1999.

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 program cited above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act.

Projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. The POGI, a document describing Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation, is included in the Solicitation Package. The POGI provides specific details on the scope of work and budgeting requirements.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the Educational Advising Program for Students and Scholars from the Middle East and North Africa and reference number E/ASA-99-10.

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS:** All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday, November 20, 1998. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on November 20, 1998, but received on a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure compliance with the deadline.

Approximate program dates: Program should begin on or about January 1, 1999.

Duration: January 1, 1999–December 31, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Academic Programs; Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Programs Division; Advising and Student Services Branch (E/ASA), Room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, phone: (202) 619-5434, fax: (202) 401-1433. Send a message via Internet to: [advise@usia.gov](mailto:advise@usia.gov) to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package includes more detailed award criteria; all application forms; and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific