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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances Shaver, (202) 267-4059, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-207), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Pamela Hamilton-Powell,
Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2010-1221.

Petitioner: Indigenous Peoples Technology and Education Center, Inc. (ITEC).

Section of 14 CFR Affected: § 21.190(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought: Petition for exemption from the Federal Aviation Regulations, § 21.190(c)(2) to permit an additional weight allowance for a powered parachute (PPC) light-sport aircraft (LSA) intended for both flight operations and operation on public roadways, similar to the weight allowance for LSA intended for

operation on water. A roadable PPC has similar weight penalties to an LSA intended for operation on water due to the additional equipment required to make the vehicle roadworthy, and therefore a similar weight allowance seems appropriate. This petition for exemption will allow ITEC to issue a statement of compliance (FAA Form 8130-15) for each ITEC "Maverick" PPC LSA for operation at the same weight prescribed by 14 CFR 1.1 for LSA intended for operation on water.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on October 12, 2010 (75 FR 62625).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 - 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicholas Englund, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel (NCC-111), (202) 366-5263, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Confidential Business Information.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard forms.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0025.

Frequency: Submission of information pursuant to this regulation will depend on the frequency with which a given entity, such as a manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment, submits information and a request that the agency hold the information confidential, generally pursuant to Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

Affected Public: This collection of information would apply to any person who seeks to have the agency treat as confidential information submitted to the agency either voluntarily or pursuant to a mandatory information request issued by the agency. Thus, the collection of information could apply to any of the entities over which the agency exercises regulatory authority. Recent trends lead the agency to estimate that NHTSA will receive approximately 450 requests for confidential treatment in 2011 and subsequent years. Large manufacturers make the vast majority of requests for confidential treatment.

Abstract: NHTSA's Confidential Business Information (CBI) rule, coupled with case law, has governed the submission of requests for confidential treatment of information for over 18 years.

Estimated Annual Burden: Using the above estimate of approximately 450 requests for confidentiality per year, with an estimated eight hours of preparation to collect and provide the information, at an assumed rate of \$28.19 an hour, the annual estimated cost of collecting and preparing the information necessary for 450 complete requests for confidential treatment is about \$101,484 (8 hours of preparation × 450 requests × \$28.19). Adding in a postage cost of \$2,205 (450 requests at a cost of \$4.90 for postage), we estimate that it will cost \$103,689 per year for persons to prepare and submit the information necessary to satisfy the confidential business information provisions of 49 CFR Part 512.

Requesters are not required to keep copies of any records or reports submitted to us. As a result, the cost imposed to keep records would be zero hours and zero costs.

Number of Respondents: We estimate that there will be approximately 450 requests per year.

Summary of the Collection of Information: Any entity seeking confidential treatment for information submitted to the agency will be required to request confidential treatment from the agency and to justify that request. To obtain confidential treatment of submitted information, the submitting

entity must comply with the requirements in NHTSA's CBI regulation and satisfy the requirements for one of the exemptions provided under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 - 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

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. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued on: January 7, 2011.

O. Kevin Vincent,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Innovative Technology Administration

Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Research Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces, pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 72-363; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), a meeting of the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS). The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST in the Oklahoma City Room at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC. Section 5601(o) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) directs the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2) to advise the Bureau of

Transportation Statistics (BTS) on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the Bureau and the Department. The following is a summary of the draft meeting agenda: (1) USDOT welcome and introduction of Council Members; (2) Overview of prior meeting; (3) Discussion of the FY 2012 budget; (4) Discussion of product dissemination; (5) Council Members review and discussion of statistical programs; (6) future Council activities and (7) Public Comments and Closing Remarks. Participation is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Petrina Collier at Petrina.Collier@dot.gov, not later than February 2, 2011. Members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting with the approval of Steven K. Smith, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Noncommittee members wishing to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Petrina Collier via e-mail no later than February 9, 2011.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be e-mailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Attention: Petrina Collier, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room # E34-457, Washington, DC 20590, Petrina.Collier@dot.gov, or faxed to (202) 366-3640. BTS requests that written comments be received by February 9, 2011. Access to the DOT Headquarters building is controlled therefore all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Petrina Collier at (202) 366-5796 prior to February 9, 2011. Individuals attending the meeting must report to the main DOT entrance on New Jersey Avenue, SE., for admission to the building. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Collier at (202) 366-5796 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Services Administration regulations (41 CFR part 102-3) covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued in Washington, DC, on the 30th day of December 2010.

Steven K. Smith,

Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 705]

Competition in the Railroad Industry

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board will receive comments and hold a public hearing to explore the current state of competition in the railroad industry and possible policy alternatives to facilitate more competition, where appropriate. The Board is seeking written comments prior to the hearing addressing the legal, factual, and policy matters described below.

DATES: Initial comments are due on February 18, 2011. Reply comments are due 28 days thereafter, on March 18, 2011. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in the Board's hearing room at the Board's headquarters located at 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. The Board plans to hold the hearing in a single day, but may extend the hearing if the number of participants or the breadth of submitted written testimony so requires. The hearing will be open for public observation. However, only parties who have notified the Board of their intent to participate will be permitted to speak. Any party wishing to speak at the hearing shall file with the Board a notice of intent to participate (identifying the party, the proposed speaker, and the time requested) no later than April 4, 2011. With the notice of intent, the party shall provide written testimony on the issues it will address at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All filings may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the "E-FILING" link on the Board's "www.stb.dot.gov" Web site. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies of the filing to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 705, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.