

The total combined burden is 2,859,083.

Note: This is a correction notice. SSA published incorrect burden information for this collection at 76 FR 16847, on March 25, 2011. We are correcting this error here.

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Faye Lipsky,

Reports Clearance Officer, Center for Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Public Teleconference

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee Teleconference.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a teleconference of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The teleconference will take place on Thursday, August 11, 2011, starting at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Individuals who plan to participate should contact Susan Lender, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), (the Contact Person listed below) by phone or e-mail for the teleconference call in number.

The proposed agenda for this teleconference is the single topic of the structure of the COMSTAC working groups.

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written statements for the COMSTAC members to consider under the advisory process. Statements may concern the issues and agenda items mentioned above or additional issues that may be relevant for the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. Interested parties wishing to submit written statements should contact Susan Lender, DFO, (the Contact Person listed below) in writing (mail or e-mail) by August 4, 2011, so that the information can be made available to COMSTAC members for their review and consideration before the August 11, 2011, teleconference. Written statements should be supplied in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature or one electronic copy via e-mail.

An agenda will be posted on the FAA Web site at <http://www.faa.gov/go/ast>.

Individuals who plan to participate and need special assistance should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Lender (AST-5), Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8029; E-mail susan.lender@faa.gov. Complete information regarding COMSTAC is available on the FAA Web site at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/advisory_committee/.

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James Van Laak,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment for the Metropolitan Branch Trail

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, District of Columbia Division; and District Department of Transportation; in cooperation with the National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Assessment for the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) Project.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) as lead agencies, and in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), announce the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (Ea) for the Metropolitan Branch Trail Project, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and the FHWA Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR 771).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Highway Administration, District of Columbia Division: Mr. Michael Hicks, Environmental/Urban Engineer, 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 510, Washington, DC 20006-1103, (202) 219-3536; or District Department of Transportation: Austina Casey, Project Manager, Planning, Policy and Sustainability Administration, 2000

14th Street, NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 671-2740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action evaluated in the Environmental Assessment (EA) includes construction of a multi-use trail facility following the Metro red line from Fort Totten to Takoma and the Metro green line from Fort Totten to the District border.

This EA analyzed the potential impacts resulting from constructing and operating the MBT on sections of land owned by the NPS within the area north of Fort Totten (Reservation 451 West), the area east of Fort Totten (Reservation 451 East), the Community Gardens (Reservation 497), and Tacoma Park (Reservation 531). Following the public comment period, DDOT identified Alternatives A1, B1, C1 and/or C2 as the Preferred Alternatives.

Electronic and Hard Copy Access: An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the Project Web Site: <http://www.metbranchtrail.com>. Hard copies of the EA may also be viewed at the following locations:

District Department of Transportation, Planning, Policy, and Sustainability Administration, 55 M Street, SE., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20003.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

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Joseph C. Lawson,

Division Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Grants

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Fiscal Year 2011 Funds: Solicitation of Grant Applications.

Funds: Solicitation of project proposals.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 for the Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program, authorized by Section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The OTRB Accessibility Program makes funds available to private operators of over-the-road buses to

finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's over-the-road bus accessibility regulation. The authorizing legislation calls for national solicitation of applications, with grantees to be selected on a competitive basis. Federal transit funds are available to intercity fixed-route providers and other OTRB providers at up to 90 percent of the project cost. A total of \$8,800,000 is now available for both intercity fixed-route and other providers of services using over-the-road buses.

DATES: Complete applications for OTRB Program grants must be submitted electronically by September 12, 2011 through the Grants.gov Web site. Applicants should initiate the process of registering on the Grants.gov site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the deadline for submission. Paper and/or faxed applications will not be accepted. FTA will announce grant selections in the **Federal Register** when the competitive selection process is complete.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Administrator (Appendix B) for application-specific information and issues. For general program information, contact Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-4345, e-mail: blenda.younger@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

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I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Authority

The program is authorized under Section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Public Law 105-85 as amended by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law 109-059, August 10, 2005.

B. Background

OTRBs are used in intercity fixed-route service as well as other services,

such as commuter, charter, and tour bus services. These services are an important element of the U.S. transportation system. TEA-21 authorized FTA's OTRB Accessibility Program to assist OTRB operators in complying with the Department's OTRB Accessibility regulation, "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49 CFR part 37, subpart H).

Summary of DOT's OTRB Accessibility Rule Deadlines for Acquiring Accessible Vehicles

Under the OTRB Accessibility regulation, all new buses obtained by large (Class I carriers, *i.e.*, those with gross annual transportation revenues of \$8.7 million or more), fixed-route carriers after October 30, 2000, must be accessible, with wheelchair lifts and tie-downs that allow passengers to ride in their own wheelchairs. The rule required 50 percent of the fixed-route operators fleets to be accessible by 2006, and 100 percent of the vehicles in their fleets to be accessible by October 29, 2012. New buses acquired by small (gross transportation revenues of less than \$8.7 million annually) fixed-route operators after October 29, 2001, also are required to be lift-equipped, although they do not have a deadline for total fleet accessibility. Small operators also can provide equivalent service in lieu of obtaining accessible buses. Starting in 2001, charter and tour companies must provide service in an accessible bus on 48 hours advance notice. Fixed-route operators must also provide this kind of service on an interim basis until their fleets are completely accessible.

Deadlines for Delivering Accessible Service

The rules for delivering accessible motorcoach service went into effect October 29, 2001, for large fixed-route, charter, tour and other demand-responsive motorcoach operators, and for small operators on October 28, 2002. Operators should consult 49 CFR part 37, subpart H, regarding the acquisition of accessible vehicles and the provision of accessible service to determine the applicable section that best describes their operating characteristics.

Specifications describing the design features of an accessible over-the-road bus are listed in 49 CFR part 38, subpart G.

C. Purpose

The purpose of the OTRB program is to improve mobility and shape America's future by ensuring that the transportation system is accessible,

integrated, and efficient, and offers flexibility of choices which is a key strategic goal of the DOT. OTRB Accessibility projects will improve mobility for individuals with disabilities by providing financial assistance to help make vehicles accessible and training to ensure that drivers and others are properly trained to use accessibility features as well as how to treat patrons with disabilities.

D. Vehicle and Service Definitions

An "over-the-road bus" is defined in 49 CFR 37.3 as a bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment.

Intercity, fixed-route over-the-road bus service is regularly scheduled bus service for the general public, using an OTRB that operates with limited stops over fixed routes connecting two or more urban areas not in close proximity or connecting one or more rural communities with an urban area not in close proximity; has the capacity for transporting baggage carried by passengers; and makes meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points. The application includes six criteria factors that will be reviewed to determine eligibility for a portion of the funding available to operators that qualify under this definition.

"Other" OTRB service means any other transportation using OTRBs, including local fixed-route service, commuter service, and charter or tour service (including tour or excursion service that includes features in addition to bus transportation such as meals, lodging, admission to points of interest or special attractions). While some commuter service may also serve the needs of some intercity fixed-route passengers, the statute includes commuter service in the definition of "other" service. Commuter service providers may apply for these funds, even though the services designed to meet the needs of commuters may also provide service to intercity fixed-route passengers on an incidental basis. If a commuter service provider can document that more than 50 percent of its passengers are using the service as intercity fixed-route service, the provider may apply for the funds designated for intercity fixed-route operators.

II. Award Information

Federal transit funds are available to intercity fixed-route providers and other OTRB providers at up to 90 percent of the project cost. A total of \$8,800,000 was appropriated for the program in FY 2011. Successful applicants will be

awarded grants. Typical grants under this program range from \$25,000 to \$180,000, with most grants being less than \$40,000, for lift equipment for a single vehicle.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Applicants

Grants will be made directly to operators of OTRBs. Intercity, fixed-route OTRB service providers may apply for the funds that were appropriated for intercity fixed-route providers in FY 2011. Applicants must establish eligibility as intercity fixed-route providers by meeting established criteria on six factors identified in the application. Other OTRB service providers, including operators of local fixed-route service, commuter service, and charter or tour service may apply for the funds that were appropriated in FY 2011 for these providers. OTRB operators who provide both intercity, fixed-route service and another type of service, such as commuter, charter or tour, may apply for both categories of funds with a single application. Private for-profit operators of over-the-road buses are eligible to be direct applicants for this program. This is a departure from most other FTA programs for which the direct applicant must be a State or local public body. FTA does not award grants to public entities under this program.

Section 50 of FTA's Master Agreement, titled "Special Provisions for Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Projects," incorporates the U.S. Department of Transportation's regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (49 CFR part 37). Section 37.213 of the implementing regulation requires private OTRB operators to file annual submissions with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Office of Data Analysis and Administration. Because compliance with all applicable Federal laws is a term and condition of grant eligibility, applicants who are not in compliance with the FMCSA filing requirements will be ineligible to participate in this program.

B. Eligible Projects

Projects to finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's OTRB accessibility rule (49 CFR part 37) are eligible for funding. Incremental capital costs eligible for funding include adding lifts, tie-downs, moveable seats, doors and training costs associated with using the accessibility features and serving persons with disabilities. Retrofitting vehicles with

such accessibility components is also an eligible expense. Please see Buy America section for further conditions of eligibility.

FTA may award funds for costs already incurred by the applicants. Any new wheelchair accessible vehicles delivered after June 8, 1998, the date that the TEA-21 became effective, are eligible for funding under the program. Vehicles of any age that have been retrofitted with lifts and other accessibility components after June 8, 1998, are also eligible for funding.

Eligible training costs are those required by the final accessibility rule as described in 49 CFR 37.209. These activities include training in proper operation and maintenance of accessibility features and equipment, boarding assistance, securement of mobility aids, sensitive and appropriate interaction with passengers with disabilities, and handling and storage of mobility devices. The costs associated with developing training materials or providing training for local providers of OTRB services for these purposes are also eligible expenses.

FTA will not fund the incremental costs of acquiring used accessible OTRBs that were previously owned, as it may be impossible to verify whether or not FTA funds were already used to make the vehicles accessible. Also, it would be difficult to place a value on the accessibility features based upon the depreciated value of the vehicle. The legislative intent of this grant program is to increase the number of wheelchair accessible OTRBs available to persons with disabilities throughout the country. The purchase of previously-owned accessible vehicles, whether or not they were funded by FTA, does not further this objective of increasing the number of wheelchair accessible OTRBs.

FTA has sponsored the development of accessibility training materials for public transit operators. FTA-funded Project ACTION is a national technical assistance program to promote cooperation between the disability community and the transportation industry. Project ACTION provides training, resources and technical assistance to thousands of disability organizations, consumers with disabilities, and transportation operators. It maintains a resource center with up-to-date information on transportation accessibility. Project ACTION may be contacted at: Project ACTION,

1425 K Street NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005, Phone: 1-800-659-6428 (TDD: (202) 347-7385), Internet address: <http://www.projectaction.org/>.

C. Cost Sharing or Matching

Federal transit funds are available to intercity fixed-route providers and other OTRB providers at up to 90 percent of the project cost. A 10 percent match is required.

IV. Application and Submission Information

A. Address To Request Application Package

Project proposals must be submitted electronically through <http://www.Grants.gov> and a synopsis of this announcement will be available in the "FIND" module. The mandatory SF424 Form must be completed. Use the Supplemental FTA form (Applicant and Proposal Profile) to address proposal content and evaluation criteria specified in this notice. The Supplemental FTA form can be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/otrb>.

B. Content and Form of Application Submission

Guidelines for Preparing Grant Application

The application should provide information on all items for which you are requesting funding in FY 2011. If you use another company's previous application as a guide, remember to modify all elements as appropriate to reflect your company's situation. The application must include a brief project narrative in the Standard Form 424, "Application for Federal Assistance", and a more substantive narrative in the Supplemental FTA form.

Application Content

- Applicant Information, This addresses basic identifying information, including:

- a. Company name.
- b. Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.
- c. Contact information for notification of project selection: contact name, address, email address, fax and phone number.
- d. Description of services provided by company, including areas served.
- e. For fixed-route carriers, whether you are a large (Class I, with gross annual transportation revenues of \$8.7 million or more) or small (gross transportation revenues of less than \$8.7 million annually) carrier.
- f. Existing fleet and employee information, including number of over-the-road buses used for (1) Intercity fixed-route service, and (2) other service, and number of employees.
- g. If you provide both intercity fixed-route service and another type of

service, such as commuter, charter or tour service, please provide an estimate of the proportion of your service that is intercity.

h. Description of your technical, legal, and financial capacity to implement the proposed project. Include evidence that you currently possess appropriate operating authority (e.g., DOT number if you operate interstate or identifier assigned by State if you do not operate interstate service).

• Project Information, Every application must:

a. Provide the Federal amount requested for each purpose for which funds are sought in the format in Appendix A.

b. Document matching funds, including amount and source.

c. Describe project, including components to be funded (e.g., lifts, tie-downs, moveable seats, or training).

d. Provide project timeline, including significant milestones such as date or contract for purchase of vehicle(s), and actual or expected delivery date of vehicles.

e. Address each of the five statutory evaluation criteria described in V.

f. If requesting funding for intercity service, provide evidence that:

1. The applicant provides scheduled, intercity, fixed route, over-the-road bus service that interlines with one or more scheduled, intercity bus operators. (Such evidence includes applicant's membership in the National Bus Traffic Association or participation in separate interline agreements, and participation in interline tariffs or price lists issued by, or on behalf of, scheduled, intercity bus operators with whom the applicant interlines); and

2. The applicant has obtained authority from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the Interstate Commerce Commission to operate scheduled, intercity, fixed route service; and as many of the following as are applicable;

3. The applicant is included in Russell's Official National Motor Coach Guide showing that it provides regularly scheduled, fixed route OTRB service with meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points.

4. The applicant maintains a Website showing routes and schedules of its regularly scheduled, fixed route OTRB service and its meaningful connections to other scheduled, intercity bus service.

5. The applicant maintains published schedules showing its regularly scheduled, fixed route OTRB service and its meaningful connections to other scheduled, intercity bus service.

6. The applicant participates in the International Registration Plan (IRP) apportionment program.

• Labor Information:

The Applicant agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty for the Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program that is most current as of the date of execution of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the project, and any alternative comparable arrangements specified by U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for application to the Applicant's project, in accordance with DOL guidelines, "Section 5333(b), Federal Transit Law," 29 CFR part 215, and any revisions thereto. Any DOL Special Warranty that may be provided and any documents cited therein are incorporated by reference and made part of the Grant Agreement.

Additional information regarding grants that require referral can be found on DOL's Web site: https://www.dol.gov/esa/olms/regs/compliance/redesign_2006/redesign2006_transitemplprotect.htm.

C. Submission Dates and Times

Complete proposals for the Over-the-Road Bus Program must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* Web site by September 12, 2011.

Applicants are encouraged to begin the process of registration on the *Grants.gov* site well in advance of the submission deadline. Registration is a multi-step process, which may take several weeks to complete before an application can be submitted. In addition to the mandatory SF424 Form that will be downloaded from *Grants.gov*, FTA requires applicants to complete the Supplemental FTA form to enter descriptive and data elements of individual program proposals for the Over-the-Road Bus Program. This supplemental form provides guidance and a consistent format for applicants to respond to the criteria outlined in this NOFA and is described in detail on the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/otrb>. Applicants *must* use this Supplemental FTA form and attach it to their submission in *Grants.gov* to successfully complete the application process. Within 24–48 hours after submitting an electronic application, the applicant should receive an e-mail validation message from *Grants.gov*. The validation will state whether *Grants.gov* found any issues with the submitted application. As an additional notification, FTA's system will notify the applicant if there are any problems with the submitted Supplemental FTA form. If making a resubmission for any reason, include all original attachments

regardless of which attachments were updated. Complete instructions on the application process can be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/otrb>. *Important:* FTA urges applicants to submit their applications at least 72 hours prior to the due date to allow time to receive the validation message and to correct any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

D. Intergovernmental Review

This program is not generally subject to Executive Order (EO) 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." For more information, contact the State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to find out about and comply with the State's process under EO 12372. The names and addresses of the SPOCs are listed in the Office of Management and Budget's homepage at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

E. Funding Restrictions

Only applications from eligible recipients for eligible activities will be considered for funding (see Section III). Due to funding limitations, applicants that are selected for funding may receive less than the amount requested.

V. Evaluation Criteria

Project Evaluation Criteria—Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

a. The identified need for OTRB accessibility for persons with disabilities in the areas served by the applicant.

b. The extent to which the applicant demonstrated innovative strategies and financial commitment to providing access to OTRBs to persons with disabilities.

c. The extent to which the OTRB operator acquired equipment required by DOT's over-the-road bus accessibility rule prior to the required time-frame in the rule.

d. The extent to which financing the costs of complying with DOT's rule presents a financial hardship for the applicant.

e. The impact of accessibility requirements on the continuation of OTRB service with particular consideration of the impact of the requirements on service to rural areas and for low-income individuals.

Note: These are the statutory criteria upon which funding decisions will be made. In addition to these criteria, FTA may also consider other factors, such as the size of the applicant's fleet and the level of FTA funding previously awarded to applicants in prior years. Applicants will not be considered for funding as intercity fixed-route operators

unless they satisfy, at a minimum, the first two criteria and at least one of criteria three through six listed in the Project Information section of the application; these criteria are applicable to intercity fixed-route applicants.

VI. Selection Process and Award Administration Information

A. Review and Selection Process

Each application may be screened by a panel of members consisting of FTA headquarters and regional staff. Incomplete or non-responsive applications will be disqualified. Intercity fixed-route service providers must provide evidence that they meet at a minimum the first two criteria and at least one of the next three criteria set forth in Project Information, if funds are requested under this category (see Appendix A, 2, B). Applicants that do not qualify as intercity-fixed route operators may be considered for funding in the "other" category using the same application. FTA will make an effort to award every qualified applicant at least one lift.

B. Award Notices

FTA will screen all applications to determine whether all required eligibility elements, as described in Part III "Eligibility Information," are present. The FTA evaluation team will evaluate each application according to the criteria described in this announcement. FTA will notify all applicants, both those selected for funding and those not selected when the competitive selection process is complete. Projects selected for funding will be published in a **Federal Register** notice. Applicants selected for funding must then apply to the FTA regional office for the actual grant award, sign Certifications and Assurances, and execute a grant contract before funds can be drawn down.

C. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

1. Grant Requirements

Applicants selected for funding must include documentation necessary to meet the requirements of FTA's Nonurbanized Area Formula program (Title 49, United States Code, section 5311). Technical assistance regarding these requirements is available from each FTA regional office. The regional offices will contact those applicants selected for funding regarding procedures for making the required certifications and assurances to FTA before grants are made.

The authority for these requirements is provided by TEA-21, Public Law 105-178, June 9, 1998, as amended by the TEA-21 Restoration Act 105-206,

112 Stat. 685, July 22, 1998; 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, note; and DOT and FTA regulations and FTA Circulars.

2. Buy America

Under the OTRB Accessibility Grant Program, FTA's Buy America regulations, 49 CFR part 661, apply to the incremental capital costs of making vehicles accessible.

Generally, Buy America applies to all accessibility equipment acquired with FTA funds, *i.e.*, all of the manufacturing processes for the product take place in the United States. The lift, the moveable seats, and the securement devices will each be considered components for purposes of this program; accordingly, as components, each must be manufactured in the United States regardless of the origin of its respective subcomponents.

It should also be noted that FTA has issued a general public interest waiver for all purchases under the Federal "small purchase" threshold, which is currently \$100,000. (See 49 CFR 661.7, Appendix A(e)). Because Section 3038(b) of TEA-21, limited FTA financing to the incremental capital costs of compliance with DOT's OTRB accessibility rule, the small purchase waiver applies only to the incremental cost of the accessibility features. Where more than one bus is being made accessible, the grantee must calculate the incremental cost increase of the entire procurement when determining if the small purchase waiver applies. For example, if \$30,000 is the incremental cost for the accessibility features eligible under this program per bus (regardless of the Federal share contribution), then a procurement of three buses with a total such cost of \$90,000, would qualify for the small purchase waiver. No special application to FTA would be required.

The grantee must obtain a certification from the bus or component manufacturer that all items included in the incremental cost for which the applicant is applying for funds meet Buy America requirements. The Buy America regulations can be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/buyamer/>.

3. Labor Protection

Section 3013(h) of SAFETEA-LU amended 49 U.S.C. Section 5311(j)(1) to permit the Secretary of Labor to utilize a special warranty that provides a fair and equitable arrangement to protect the interest of employees as set forth in 49 U.S.C. 5333(b). Pursuant to this authorization, the DOL amended its implementing regulations at 29 CFR part 215 (73 FR 47046, Aug. 13, 2008). On

October 1, 2008, DOL began using a revised special warranty for the Section 5311 program which is appropriate for use with OTRB grants. All OTRB grants awarded after October 1, 2008 will be subject to the special warranty for labor protective arrangements under the Section 5311 program, which will be incorporated by reference in the grant agreement.

4. Planning

Applicants are encouraged to notify the appropriate State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in areas likely to be served by equipment made accessible through funds made available in this program. Those organizations, in turn, should take appropriate steps to inform the public, and individuals requiring fully accessible services in particular, of operators' intentions to expand the accessibility of their services. Incorporation of funded projects in the plans and transportation improvement programs of states and metropolitan areas by States and MPOs also is encouraged, but is not required.

5. Standard Assurances

The Applicant assures that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal administrative requirements in carrying out any project supported by the FTA grant. The Applicant acknowledges that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement issued for its project with FTA. The Applicant understands that Federal laws, regulations, policies, and administrative practices might be modified from time to time and affect the implementation of the project. The Applicant agrees that the most recent Federal requirements will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise. Certifications and Assurances for grants to be awarded under this program in FY 2011 are included in the FTA Certifications and Assurances for FY 2011 which were published in the **Federal Register** of November 2, 2010, and made available for electronic signature in FTA's grants system. Every applicant must submit Certification 01, "For Each Applicant." Each applicant for more than \$100,000 must provide both Certification 01, and, 02, the "Lobbying Certification."

6. Reporting

Post-award reporting requirements include submission of final Federal Financial Report and milestone report, or annual reports for grants remaining

open at the end of each Federal fiscal year (September 30). Documentation is required for payment.

VII. Agency Contact(s)

Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Administrator (Appendix B) for application-specific information and issues. For general program information, contact Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-4345, e-mail: blenda.younger@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

Issued in Washington, DC, this 7th day of July, 2011.

Peter Rogoff,
Administrator.

Appendix A—Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Project Proposal Application (Electronic Project Narrative)

(See Section IV.B of Federal Register announcement for detailed explanation of application content).

In addition to OMB Standard Form 424, Application For Federal Assistance, provide the following information on the Supplemental Form:

1. Applicant Information

- A. Company Name:
- B. DUNS Number:
- C. For Notification of Project

Selection Contact:

Name of Individual:
Address:
Fax:
Telephone number:
E-mail:

D. Describe Services Provided by Company, including Areas Served:

E. Intercity Fixed-Route Carriers:
____ Large/Class I (gross annual transportation revenues of \$8.7 Million or more).

____ Small (gross annual transportation revenues of less than \$8.7 Million).

F. Existing Fleet and Employee Information:

____ Total number of over-the-road buses in fleet.

____ Number of over-the-road buses in fleet used for intercity fixed-route service.

____ Number of over-the-road buses intercity-fixed-route service that currently have lifts.

____ Number of over-the-road buses in fleet used for Other Service, e.g., Charter, Tour, & Commuter.

____ Number of over-the-road buses used in "other" service that currently have lifts.

____ Number of Employees.

G. Estimate of the proportion of service, if any, that is intercity fixed-route ____ % of services is intercity fixed-route.

H. Describe your technical, legal, and financial capacity to implement the proposed project. Include evidence of operating authority.

2. Project Information

A. Federal Amount Requested (Up to 90% Federal Share):

Intercity Fixed Route Service:

\$ ____ for # ____ New Over-the-road Buses

\$ ____ for # ____ Retrofits

\$ ____ for # ____ Employees—

Training

Other Service (Commuter, Charter, or Tour)

\$ ____ for # ____ New Over-the-road Buses

\$ ____ for # ____ Retrofits

\$ ____ for # ____ Employees—

Training

B. If requesting funding for intercity service, provide evidence of any of the following that are applicable:

1. The applicant provides scheduled, intercity, fixed-route, over-the-road bus service that interlines with one or more scheduled, intercity bus operators. Such evidence includes applicant's membership in the National Bus Traffic Association or participation in separate interline agreements, and participation in interline tariffs or price lists issued by, or on behalf of, scheduled, intercity bus operators with whom the applicant interlines.

2. The applicant has obtained authority from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the Interstate Commerce Commission to operate scheduled, intercity, fixed route service.

3. The applicant is included in Russell's Official National Motor Coach Guide showing that it provides regularly scheduled, fixed route OTRB service with meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points.

4. The applicant maintains a website showing routes and schedules of its regularly scheduled, fixed-route OTRB service and its meaningful connections to other scheduled, intercity bus service.

5. The applicant maintains published schedules showing its regularly scheduled, fixed-route OTRB service and its meaningful connections to other scheduled, intercity bus service.

6. The applicant participates in the International Registration Plan (IRP) apportionment program.

C. Document Matching Funds, including Amount and Source.

D. Describe Project, including Components to be funded (i.e., lifts, tie-downs, moveable seats or training).

E. Provide Project Time Line, including significant milestones such as date of contract for purchase of vehicle(s), and actual or expected delivery date of vehicles.

F. Project Evaluation Criteria.

Provide information addressing the following criteria:

- The identified need for OTRB accessibility for persons with disabilities in the areas served by the applicant.

- The extent to which the applicant demonstrated innovative strategies and financial commitment to providing access to OTRBs to persons with disabilities.

- The extent to which the over-the-road bus operator acquired equipment required by DOT's OTRB accessibility rule prior to the required time frame in the rule.

- The extent to which financing the costs of complying with DOT's rule presents a financial hardship for the applicant.

- The impact of accessibility requirements on the continuation of OTRB service with particular consideration of the impact of the requirements on service to rural areas and for low income individuals.

G. Labor Information

- List labor organizations that may represent your employees and all labor organizations that represent the employees of any transit providers in the service area of the project.

- For each local of a nationally affiliated union, provide the name of the national organization and the number or other designation of the local union.

- For each independent labor organization, provide the local information, including: name of organization, address, contact person, phone and fax numbers.

- For transit employee unions in service area of project, provide information including: contact person, address, telephone number and fax number for your company and associated union information.

Appendix B

FTA REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN OFFICES

Mary Beth Mello, Regional Administrator, Region 1—Boston, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, Tel. 617-494-2055.

States served: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, Tel. 212-668-2170.

States served: New Jersey, New York

New York Metropolitan Office, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 428, New York, NY 10004-1415, Tel. 212-668-2202.

Letitia Thompson, Regional Administrator, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Tel. 215-656-7100.

States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.

Philadelphia Metropolitan Office, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Tel. 215-656-7070.

Washington, DC Metropolitan Office, 1990 K Street, NW, Room 510, Washington, DC 20006, Tel. 202-219-3562.

Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, Region 4—Atlanta, 230 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel. 404-865-5600.

States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virgin Islands.

Marisol Simon, Regional Administrator, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312-353-2789.

States served: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Chicago Metropolitan Office, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312-353-2789.

Robert C. Patrick, Regional Administrator, Region 6—Ft. Worth, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Tel. 817-978-0550. States served: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator, Region 7—Kansas City, MO, 901 Locust Street, Room 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Tel. 816-329-3920.

States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Terry Rosapep, Regional Administrator, Region 8—Denver, 12300 West Dakota Ave., Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228-2583, Tel. 720-963-3300.

States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Region 9—San Francisco, 201 Mission Street, Room 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105-1926, Tel. 415-744-3133.

States served: American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Office, Region 9—Los Angeles, 888 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1850, Los Angeles, CA 90017-1850, Tel. 213-202-3952.

Rick Krochalis, Regional Administrator, Region 10—Seattle, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, Tel. 206-220-7954

States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

APPENDIX C
FY 2011 Discretionary Programs Schedule

| Initiative | Funding Availability | NOFA Publication Target | Application Deadline |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| SGR Initiative (Bus) | \$750,000,000 | 6/24/2011 | 7/29/2011 |
| Livability Expansion Initiative | \$175,000,000 | 6/27/2011 | 7/29/2011 |
| Alternatives Analysis | \$25,000,000 | | |
| Bus & Bus Facilities | \$150,000,000 | | |
| Sustainability Initiative | \$101,400,000 | 6/24/2011 | 8/23/2011 |
| Clean Fuels Bus Program | \$51,500,000 | | |
| TIGGER III | \$49,900,000 | | |
| Other Programs | \$50,640,500 | | |
| Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks | \$26,765,500 | 3/10/2011 | 5/9/2011 |
| Tribal Transit | \$15,075,000 | 7/25/2011 | 9/26/2011 |
| Over-the-Road-Bus | \$8,800,000 | 7/11/2011 | 9/12/2011 |

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

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

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, 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 abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 25, 2011. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 12, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Brown, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. *Telephone:*

202-366-5178; or *e-mail:*

Sheila.brown@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER).

OMB Control Number: 2133-0025.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: U.S.-flag and U.S. citizen-owned vessels that are required to respond under current statute and regulation.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: This collection of information is used to gather information regarding the location of U.S.-flag vessels and certain other U.S. citizen-owned vessels for the purpose of search and rescue in the saving of lives at sea and for the marshalling of ships for national defense and safety purposes. This collection consists of vessels that transmit their positions through various electronic means.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 51,050 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20503, *Attention:* MARAD Desk Officer. Alternatively,

comments may be sent via e-mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: *oira.submissions@omb.eop.gov.*

Comments Are Invited On: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

Dated: July 5, 2011.

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

Christine Gurland,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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