

counseling, outreach services/ conference participation, short-term loan and bond assistance. The cumulative data collected will be analyzed by the OSDBU to determine the effectiveness of services provided, including counseling, outreach, and financial services. Such data will also be analyzed by the OSDBU to determine agency effectiveness in assisting small businesses to enhance their opportunities to participate in government contracts and subcontracts.

The Regional Field Offices Intake Form, (DOT F 4500) is used to enroll small business clients into the program in order to create a viable database of firms that can participate in government contracts and subcontracts, especially those projects that are transportation related. Each area on the fillable pdf form must be filled in electronically by the Field Offices and submitted every quarter to OSDBU. The Offices will retain a copy of each Intake Form for their records. The completion of the form is used as a tool for making decisions about the needs of the business, such as; referral to technical assistance agencies for help, identifying the type of profession or trade of the business, the type of certification that the business holds, length of time in business, and location of the firm. This data can assist the Field Offices in developing a business plan or adjusting their business plan to increase its ability to market its goods and services to buyers and potential users of their services.

Respondents: SBTRC Regional Field Offices.

Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency: The information will be collected quarterly.

Annual Estimated Number of Responses: 400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 600 hours per year (90 minutes per response to complete each Intake Form).

Background: The Regional Field Offices Quarterly Report Form (DOT F 4502) must be submitted as a quarterly status report by each Field Office of business activities conducted during the three-month timeframe. The form is used to capture activities and accomplishments that were made by the Regional Field Offices during the course of the quarter. In addition, the form includes a data collection section where numbers and hours are reported and a section that is assigned for a written narrative that provides back-up which supports the data.

Activities to be reported are (1) Counseling Activity which identifies the

counseling hours provided to businesses, number of new appointments, and follow-up on counseled clients. (2) Activity for Businesses Served identifies the type of small business that is helped, such as a DBE, 8(a), WOB, HubZone, SDB, SDVOB, or VOSB. (3) Marketing Activity includes the name of an event attended by the SBTRC and the role played when participating in a conference, workshop or any other venue that relates to small businesses. (4) Meetings that are held with government representatives in the region, or at the state level, are activities that are reported. (5) Events Hosted by the SBTRC Regional Field Offices, such as small business workshops, financial assistance workshops, matchmaking events, are activities that are reported on a quarterly basis.

Respondents: SBTRC Regional Field Offices.

Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency: The information will be collected quarterly.

Annual Estimated Number of Responses: 400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1200 hours per year (3 hours per response to complete each Quarterly Report).

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, by the use of electronic means, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1:48.

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Patricia Lawton,

DOT PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket: DOT-OST-2012-0078]

Notice of Request for Renewal of Previously Approved Collection; Short Term Lending Program—Application for Loan Guarantee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) this notice announces that the Information Collection Request, abstracted below, will be forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for the renewal of the Short Term Lending Program—Application for Loan Guarantee. A 60 day **Federal Register** Notice (77 FR 14459) was published March 9, 2012 (DOT-OST 2008-0244). The agency did not receive any comments.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by July 2, 2012 and sent to OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Strine, Manager Financial Assistance Division, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W56-448, Washington, DC 20590. Phone number 202-366-1930. Fax number 202-366-7228. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Comments: Comments should be sent to OMB: Attention DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503 or fax to: 202-395-5806. Please make reference to OMB Control No. 2104-0555 Docket DOT-OST-2012-0078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Short Term Lending Program—Application for Loan Guarantee.

OMB Control No: 2105-0555.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Number of Responses: 100.

Total Annual Burden: 1400.

Abstract: OSDBU's Short Term Lending Program (STLP) offers certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other certified Small Businesses (8a, women-owned, small disadvantaged, HUBZone, veteran owned, and service disabled veteran

owned) the opportunity to obtain short term working capital at variable interest rates for transportation-related projects. The STLP provides Participating Lenders (PLs) a guarantee, up to 75%, on a revolving line of credit up to a \$750,000 maximum. These loans are provided through lenders that serve as STLP Participating Lenders (PLs). The term on the line of credit is up to one (1) year, which may be renewed for five (5) years. A potential or renewal STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package.

This collection renewal combines two applications, the former "Short-term Lending Program Application for a New Loan Guarantee" and the "Application for Loan Guarantee Renewal" into one Short Term Lending Program Application for a Loan Guarantee. There should no longer be any confusion since a set of explicit instructions has been added to the application. All attempts have been made to make it easier to read, understand, and use. The application form is now a PDF fillable form. The information collected is used to determine the applicant's eligibility and is necessary to approve or deny a loan. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Respondents: Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other certified Small Businesses (8a, women-owned, small disadvantaged, HUBZone, veteran owned, and service disabled veteran owned) interested in financing their transportation-related contracts.

DOT Form 2301-1(REV.1). Short Term Lending Program Application for Loan Guarantee: A potential or renewal STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package.

The guaranteed loan application includes the STLP application and supporting documentation to be collected from the checklist in the application. The application may be obtained directly from OSDBU, the Regional Small Business Transportation Resource Centers, from a PL, or online from the agency's Web site, currently at <http://www.osdbu.dot.gov/financial/stlp.cfm>.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Once.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200 hours.

Supporting documentation. Required documentation shall include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Business, trade, or job performance reference letters;
- DBE or other eligible certification letters;
- Aging report of receivables and payables;

- Business tax returns;
- Business financial statements;
- Personal income tax returns;
- Personal financial statements;
- Schedule of work in progress (WIP);
- Signed and dated copy of transportation-related contracts;
- Business debt schedule;
- Cash flow projections;
- Owner(s) and a key management resumes.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Once.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 12 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1200 hours.

Title: STLP—Participating Lender (PL) forms.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Number of Responses: 100.

Total Annual Burden: 2925 hours.

Respondents: Participating Lenders that are in the process or have entered into cooperative agreements with DOT's OSDBU under 49 CFR part 22 DOT-OST-2008-0236 entitled, "Short Term Lending Program".

Abstract: The Office of the Secretary, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew a collection of the STLP Participating Lender (PL) forms. The information collected administers the loans guaranteed under the STLP. The information collected keeps the Participating Lender's (PLs) in compliance with the terms established in the Cooperative Agreement between DOT and the PLs. Every attempt was made to make these forms easier to read, understand, and use.

This renewal collection involves the use of the "Short Term Lending Program Bank Verification Loan Activation Form"; "Short Term Lending Program Bank Acknowledgement Extension Request Form"; "Short Term Lending Program Bank Acknowledgement Loan Close-Out Form"; "Guaranty Loan Status Report"; "Pending Loan Status Report"; "Drug-Free Workplace Act Certification for a Grantee Other than an Individual"; "Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements"; "Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization U.S. Department of Transportation Short Term Lending Program Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension"; "Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Participating Lender"; and "U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Small and Disadvantaged Utilization

Short Term Lending Program Guarantee Agreement".

DOT Form 2303-1. Short-Term Lending Program Bank Verification Loan Activation Form. The PL

Respondent must submit to OSDBU a Loan Activation Form that indicates the date in which the loan has been activated.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Annually, up to five years.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: ½ hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 50 hours.

DOT Form 2310-1. Short-Term Lending Program Bank

Acknowledgement Extension Request

Form. An extension of the original loan guarantee for a maximum period of ninety (90) days may be requested, in writing, by the PL Respondent using the STLP Extension Request Form.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Annually, up to five years.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: ½ hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 50 hours.

DOT Form 2304-1. Short-Term

Lending Program Bank Acknowledge

Loan Close-Out. The PL Respondent

must submit to OSDBU a Loan Close-Out Form upon full repayment of the STLP loan or when the loan guarantee expires.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Annually, up to five years.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: ½ hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 50 hours.

DOT Form 2305-1. Guaranty Loan

Status Report. PL Respondent submits a monthly status of active guaranteed loans to OSDBU.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Monthly.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1200 hours.

DOT Form 2306-1. Pending Loan

Status Report. PL Respondent submits

monthly loan(s) in process report to OSDBU.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Monthly.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1200 hours.

DOT Form 2307-1. Drug-Free

Workplace Act Certification for a

Grantee Other than an Individual Form.

The PL certifies it is a drug-free workplace by executing this certification.

Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Once.
Estimated Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25 hours.

DOT Form 2308-1. Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreement. PL Respondent must certify that no Federal funds will be utilized for lobbying by executing this form.

Respondents: 100.
Frequency: Once.
Estimated Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25 hours.

DOT Form 2309-1. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Form. The PL Respondent must not currently be debarred or suspended from participation in a government contract or delinquent on a government debt by submitting a current SBA Form 1624 or its equivalent.

Respondents: 100.
Frequency: Once.
Estimated Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25 hours.

DOT Form 2313-1. Cooperative Agreement between the United States Department of Transportation and the Bank (Participating Lender). This is the official agreement between the U.S. DOT and the Participating Lender (Bank) which spells out the terms; deliverables; audit, investigation, and review; record retention; duration of agreement; expiration of agreement; suspension of agreement; termination; DOT's representative; and miscellaneous conditions.

Respondents: 100.
Frequency: Every two years.
Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.

DOT Form 2313-2. Cooperative Agreement between the United States Department of Transportation and the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). This is the official agreement between the U.S. DOT and the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), an eligible Participating Lender or which spells out the terms; Deliverables; Audit, Investigation, and Review; Record Retention; Duration of Agreement; Expiration of Agreement; Suspension of Agreement; Termination; DOT's Representative; and Miscellaneous Conditions.

Respondents: 100.
Frequency: Every two years.
Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.

DOT Form 2314-1. Department of Transportation Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Short Term Lending Program Guarantee Agreement Form. This document is the seventy-five (75%) loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Transportation to the specific Participating Lender Respondent. It also contains Annex A which is the Participating Lender's default mechanism.

Respondents: 100.
Frequency: Every year.
Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection renewal 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 in Washington, DC, on May 25, 2012.

Patricia Lawton,

PRA Program Manager, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending May 19, 2012

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application

by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2005-20571.

Date Filed: May 18, 2012.
Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: June 8, 2012.

Description: Application of Meridiana fly, S.p.A. requesting a foreign air carrier permit and renewal of its exemption in order to engage in the scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail: (a) Foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail from any point or points behind any Member State of the European Union via any point or points in any Member State and via intermediate points to any point or points in the United States and beyond; (b) foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in any member of the European Common Aviation Area; (c) foreign scheduled and charter all-cargo air transportation between any point or points in the United States and any other point or points; and (d) transportation authorized by any additional route rights made available to European Community carriers in the future.

Renee V. Wright,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Assessment: Notice of Final Federal Actions on Improvements to U.S. 60 in Union and Henderson Counties, KY

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitations on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA, Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), DoD, and other Federal agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(1)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project: the U.S. 60 Capacity and Safety Improvement Project between Morganfield and Henderson in Union and Henderson Counties, Kentucky (KYTC Item Nos. 2-79, 2-122, 2-123).