

current demonstration project. The findings from the survey will provide insight into the success of expanding the high visibility enforcement effort statewide.

**Affected Public:** NHTSA intends to collect data from 24,000 licensed drivers to conduct awareness surveys for the distracted driving evaluation program effort. The distracted driving program will be conducted in two States—either statewide or in a multi-jurisdictional area in a State. Awareness surveys would be administered in-person to a licensed driver population 18 years and older, before and after three program waves. Over 3 waves (i.e., 6 measurement periods), 24,000 drivers would be surveyed in both States (12,000 in each State). Participation by all respondents would be voluntary and anonymous.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** NHTSA estimates interviews would require an average of 5 minutes to complete, or a total of 2,000 hours for the 24,000 respondents.

**Comments are invited on the following:**

(i) 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;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

(iii) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) 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.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. Section 3506(c)(2)(A).

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**Jeffrey Michael,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)]

#### Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancies on federal advisory committee and solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board), hereby gives notice of four vacancies on the Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee for (1) a representative from a state- or municipally-owned electric utility, (2) a representative from a biofuel refiner, processor, or distributor, or biofuel feedstock grower or provider, (3) a representative from a coal producer, and (4) a representative from a petroleum producer or shipper. The Board is soliciting suggestions for candidates to fill those vacancies.

**DATES:** Suggestions of candidates for membership on RETAC are due December 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Suggestions 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 Web site, at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2), 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott M. Zimmerman at 202-245-0386. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board, established in 1996 by Congress to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates and service (49 U.S.C. 10701-10747, 11101-11124), as well as the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-10907), and railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-11327).

In 2007, the Board established RETAC as a federal advisory committee consisting of a balanced cross-section of energy and rail industry stakeholders to provide independent, candid policy advice to the Board and to foster open, effective communication among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of

energy resources. RETAC operates subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RETAC's membership is balanced and representative of interested and affected parties, consisting of not less than: five representatives from the Class I railroads, three representatives from Class II and III railroads, three representatives from coal producers, five representatives from electric utilities (including at least one rural electric cooperative and one state- or municipally-owned utility), four representatives from biofuel refiners, processors, or distributors, or biofuel feedstock growers or providers, and two representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers. RETAC may also include up to three members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors. Members are selected by the Chairman of the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the Board. The Chairman of the Board may invite representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy, and Transportation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to serve on RETAC in advisory capacities as *ex officio* (non-voting) members, and the three members of the Board serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee as well.

RETAC meets at least twice per year. Meetings are generally held at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, but may be held in other locations. Members of RETAC serve without compensation and without reimbursement of travel expenses unless reimbursement of such expenses is authorized in advance by the Board's Managing Director. RETAC members appointed or reappointed after June 18, 2010, are prohibited from serving as federally registered lobbyists during their RETAC term.

The Board is soliciting nominations for candidates to fill four vacancies on RETAC for representatives from (1) a state- or municipally-owned electric utility, for a three-year term ending September 30, 2015, (2) a biofuel refiner, processor, or distributor, or biofuel feedstock grower or provider, for a three-year term ending September 30, 2015, (3) a coal producer, for the remainder of a three-year term ending September 30, 2014, and (4) a petroleum producer or shipper, for a three-year term ending September 30, 2015. The petroleum position is a new one, to be established in light of the growing trend of shipping petroleum by rail, and will fill one of the three "at large" RETAC seats.

Nominations for candidates to fill these vacancies should be submitted in letter form and should include: (1) The name of the candidate, (2) the interest the candidate will represent, (3) a summary of the candidate's experience and qualifications for the position, (4) a representation that the candidate is willing to serve as a member of RETAC, and (5) a representation that the candidate is not a federally registered lobbyist. Suggestions for candidates for membership on RETAC should be filed with the Board by December 27, 2012. Please note that submissions will be available to the public at the Board's offices and posted on the Board's Web site under Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2).

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 721, 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

By the Board.

Decided: November 26, 2012.

**Rachel D. Campbell,**

*Director, Office of Proceedings.*

**Derrick A. Gardner,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

#### Tribal Consultation Consistent With Executive Order 13175; Request for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment; Tribal consultation consistent with Executive Order 13175.

**SUMMARY:** This notice invites comments from the public on issues regarding the CDFI Fund's proposed report to assess the state of access to capital and credit in Native Communities as consistent with Executive Order 13175. The CDFI Fund will offer three opportunities to engage the public on this topic: (1) Through written comment; and (2) through two virtual meetings conducted as webcasts. All material submitted will be available for public inspection and copying.

**DATES:** For the three opportunities, the dates are listed below.

1. All written public comments and submissions must be received by the

CDFI Fund no later than February 28, 2013.

2. The CDFI Fund's first webcast will be held at 1:00 p.m. ET, January 15, 2013. Please RSVP for the event by emailing [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov) and we will provide the call in information.

3. The CDFI Fund's second webcast will be held at 4:00 p.m. ET, January 17, 2013. Please RSVP for the event by emailing [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov) and we will provide the call in information.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent by mail to: Amber Kuchar, Associate Program Manager, CDFI Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20005, or by email to [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Information regarding the CDFI Fund and its programs may be downloaded from the CDFI Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CDFI Fund was created for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). Its vision is to economically empower America's underserved and distressed communities through the provision of low-cost capital to certified CDFIs. The CDFI Fund was established by the Riegle Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994.

In 2001, the CDFI Fund produced the Native American Lending Study (NALS), which analyzed lending and investment practices on Indian reservations and other lands held in trust by the United States government. Specifically, the NALS attempted to provide a baseline of information on access to capital and credit for Native Communities, identify barriers to private financing, analyze the impact on access to capital and to credit for Native people, and provide options to address these barriers.

The CDFI Fund is now building upon the original study and will assess to what extent Native Americans have access to capital and credit in Native Communities in today's economy. The CDFI Fund will produce a report that will be presented to the Department of the Treasury, United States Congress, Tribal governments, Tribal organizations, stakeholders, and the public. The new report will be a publicly available document to guide the CDFI Fund's continued outreach to

Native Communities<sup>1</sup> and provide baseline information on the current state of access to credit and capital in Native Communities. The research will provide policy-makers, Tribal governments, Tribal community organizations, and economic development practitioners with detailed analysis and quantitative research that can lead to actionable recommendations for improving access to capital and credit in Native Communities.

On November 6, 2000, President Clinton signed Executive Order 13175 (Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments) in order to "establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have Tribal implications, to strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian Tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian Tribes \* \* \*". The Executive Order was further supported on November 5, 2009 when President Obama signed the Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, pronouncing Tribal consultations a critical ingredient of a sound and productive Federal-Tribal relationship. The CDFI Fund fully embraces the Executive Order and is taking this initial step to engage Tribes and the public in meaningful consultation.

The CDFI Fund invites and encourages comments and suggestions germane to the mission, purpose, content, and implementation of the new, proposed report. The CDFI Fund is particularly interested in comments that will help determine the focus and mission of the report, as well as influence its methodology. Specifically, the CDFI Fund is interested in comments that address the following questions:

1. What should the access to capital and credit report accomplish?
2. What should be the scope and focus of the report?
3. What are the top three desired outcomes of the report?
4. Who are the key users of the report?
5. Are there emerging trends, innovative concepts, and promising solutions that could significantly improve capital access and availability and quality of credit in Native Communities that the report should focus on or address?
6. How did you or your organization use the NALS?

<sup>1</sup> Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities are collectively referred to as "Native Communities".