

**Additional Information**

Federal grantees may not use Federal funds to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications.

Federal contractors may not use Federal funds from a contract to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications or to fund efforts in support of a COMPETES Act challenge submission.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 3719 (America COMPETES Act).

Issued on: September 19, 2014.

**Susan L. Kurland,**

*Assistant Secretary of Aviation and International Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2014-0036]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for extension of currently approved information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for renewal of an existing information collection that is summarized below under

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by December 8, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 2014-0036 by any of the following methods:

**Web site:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

**Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

**Mail:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**Hand Delivery or Courier:** U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m.

and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Glaze, 202 366-4053, Office of Natural Environment, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:** Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 2125-0614.

**Background:** Section 1113 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) calls for an Evaluation and Assessment of CMAQ Projects. The statute calls for the identification and analysis of a representative sample of CMAQ projects and the development and population of a database that describes the impacts of the program both on traffic congestion levels and air quality. To establish and maintain this database, the FHWA is requesting States to submit annual reports on their CMAQ investments that cover projected air quality benefits, financial information, a brief description of projects, and several other factors outlined in the Interim Program Guidance for the CMAQ program. States are requested to provide the end of year summary reports via the automated system provided through FHWA by the first day of March of each year, covering the prior Federal fiscal year.

**Respondents:** 51 (each State DOT, and Washington, DC).

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Estimated Average Burden per**

**Response:** 125 hours per annual report.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden**

**Hours:** 6,375 hours.

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the U.S. DOT's performance, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the U.S. DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. 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.

Issued on: October 3, 2014.

**Michael Howell,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0196]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection Request: FMCSA Annual Grant Program Effectiveness Survey**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. The purpose of this information collection is to acquire the perspectives of FMCSA State partners who support the operation, regulation and enforcement of various mutually-beneficial safety programs. This knowledge will improve the Federal government's understanding of the effectiveness of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety related grant programs. The FMCSA is interested in surveying grant recipients to collect information on the strengths, weaknesses, and effectiveness of FMCSA grant programs with the intent of improving our capacity to meet the needs of our grantees. FMCSA needs this information to support program evaluation endeavors, program management, and fiscal decision making. FMCSA will use the results in various analyses conducted by FMCSA designed to assess the effectiveness of existing rules, grant programs, and safety programs.

**DATES:** We request your comments on or before December 8, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2014-0196 using any of the following methods:

• **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

• *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

• *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets, or go to the street address listed above.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-794.pdf>.

*Public Participation:* The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can obtain electronic submission and retrieval assistance and guidelines under the "help" section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site. If you want FMCSA to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print your request on the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Eugene Johnson, Strategic Planning, and Program Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, Strategic Planning and Regulations, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Telephone: (202) 366-5490; email [Eugene.Johnson@dot.gov](mailto:Eugene.Johnson@dot.gov). Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions on viewing material in the docket, contact Docket Operations (202) 366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) needs a survey of its State partner-grant recipients who support the operation, regulation and enforcement of various mutually-beneficial safety programs. This knowledge will improve the Federal government's understanding of the effectiveness of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety related grant programs. The FMCSA is interested in surveying grant recipients to collect information on the strengths, weaknesses, and effectiveness of FMCSA grant programs.

In 2009, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a final report on a FMCSA grant program called Performance Registration Information System Management PRISM. The GAO reported was entitled, "Motor Carrier Safety: Commercial Vehicle Registration Program Has Kept Carriers from Operating, but Effectiveness Is Difficult to Measure, GAO-09-495." The GAO recommended FMCSA measure the PRISM program's effectiveness when the number of States that have the ability to deny, suspend, or revoke registrations of CMVs operated by OOS carriers is sufficient to make such measurements meaningful.

The authority to require Federal Agencies to monitor grants is 2 CFR Chapter I, and Chapter II Parts 200, 215, 220, 225, and 230 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. OMB Circular A-110, Reports and Records, sections 50 through 53 set forth the procedures for monitoring and reporting on the recipient's financial and program performance and the necessary standard reporting forms.

The Agency proposes to collect the data for this project via electronic mail surveys and conduct clarifying interviews as appropriate. The information collection supports the DOT's Strategic Goal of Safety, and will help confirm whether the program(s) improve public health and safety by reducing transportation-related fatalities and injuries. Therefore, the purpose of this ICR is to conduct a survey using Form MCSA-5888 to evaluate the effectiveness of FMCSA's grant programs through the use of in-person interviews and electronic surveys. The

survey will not be statistical in nature, as the intention is to receive the comments of all affected state partners. The survey will not exceed 30 questions and the complexity of the question structure will be Likert scale and short responses. The decision to use the Likert scale over the ordinal scale is the numbers in the ordinal level indicate the relative position of items, but not the magnitude of difference that you get from the Likert scale. For example, the survey will present a question like "The grant funding provided in support of your program is adequate to meet all aspects of the mission." The response options may include:

1. Strongly disagree
2. Disagree
3. Neutral
3. Agree
4. Strongly agree
5. Not Applicable

The Agency will use this information to establish a baseline of our grant programs from the grantee's perspective for use in future grant-related decision making, to include: (1) Assessing the impacts of proposed rules, (2) identifying potential improvements in its grant supported safety programs, and (3) complement future budget and resource related decisions.

*Title:* FMCSA Annual Grant Program Effectiveness Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126-00XX.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Respondents:* State Grant Recipients.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50 State Respondents.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 45 minutes per response.

*Expiration Date:* N/A. This is a new ICR.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 49 hours [(50 electronic mail-in respondents × 45 minutes/60 minutes) + (15 State personnel interviews × 45 minutes/60 minutes) = 49]. Minutes per response = 48.75 rounded to 49.]

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued under the authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.87 on: September 30, 2014.

**G. Kelly Regal,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0335]

#### Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From Dealers Choice Truckaway System, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA requests public comment on an application for exemption from Dealers Choice Truckaway System, Inc. (Truckmovers) to allow the use of plastic blocks to build up the height of the front end of a towed vehicle in driveaway-towaway operations. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) permit the use of "hardwood blocks of good quality" for this purpose but the use of materials other than hardwood blocks is not addressed. Truckmovers believes the use of ultra-high molecular polyethylene plastic blocks will maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to the level of safety achieved without the exemption. Truckmovers is requesting the temporary exemption in advance of petitioning FMCSA to conduct a rulemaking to amend 49 CFR 393.71(k)(4) to allow the use of vehicle support blocks made of any suitable material to support the weight of vehicles when towing multiple vehicles in driveaway-towaway operations.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 7, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA-2014-0335 using any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Federal electronic docket site.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

• *Hand Delivery:* Ground Floor, Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the "Public Participation" heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the "Privacy Act" heading for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19476) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Public participation:* The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is generally available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You may find electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the "help" section of the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site as well as the DOT's <http://docketsinfo.dot.gov> Web site. If you would like notification that we received your comments, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments online.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Luke W. Loy, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, MC-PSV, (202) 366-0676; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-

21) [Pub. L. 105-178, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 401] amended 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) to provide authority to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). On August 20, 2004, FMCSA published a final rule (69 FR 51589) implementing section 4007. Under this rule, FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.315(c) and 49 CFR 381.300(b)).

#### Truckmovers Application for Exemption

Truckmovers applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.71(k)(4) to allow the use of plastic support blocks in lieu of hardwood blocks to increase the height of a towed vehicle in driveaway-towaway operations. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

In its application, Truckmovers states that without the proposed exemption it will not be able to utilize plastic support blocks because 49 CFR 393.71(k)(4) specifically identifies the use of hardwood blocks to build up the height of the front end of a towed vehicle in driveaway-towaway operations. Truckmovers provided information regarding the development of ultra-high molecular polyethylene plastic blocks with a compression rating of 3,300 psi, which can withstand extreme heat and cold. These plastic blocks are not susceptible to decomposition and erosion like wood blocks, allowing for their re-use. The high compression