

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. This collection of information is used to gather information on tanker operators who agree to contribute, either by direct charter to the Department of Defense or to other participants tanker capacity as requested by the Maritime Administrator at such times and such amounts as determined to be necessary to meet the essential needs of DOD for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk by sea. The Voluntary Tanker Agreement is a voluntary emergency preparedness agreement. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2019-0157 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ram Nagendran, 202-366-8584, Office of Sealift Support, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, Email: [ram.nagendran@dot.gov](mailto:ram.nagendran@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Voluntary Tanker Agreement.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0505.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Voluntary Tanker Agreement is a voluntary emergency preparedness agreement in accordance with Section 708, Defense Production Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. 4558). The collection consists of a request from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) that each participant in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement submit a list of the names of ships owned, chartered or contracted for by the participant, their size, flags of registry, and other pertinent information. There is a recommended format for this information included as part of the

application. The collection of information is necessary to evaluate tanker capability and make plans for use of this capability to meet national emergency requirements. This information will be used by both MARAD and Department of Defense to establish contingency plans.

*Respondents:* Coastwise qualified vessel owners, operators, charterers, brokers and vessel representatives.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 15 (1 per respondent).

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 1 hr.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual*

*Burden Hours:* 15.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Public Comments Invited:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized 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 1.49.)

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Dated: October 2, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0156]

**Request for Comments on the Approval of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Requirements for Eligibility of U.S.-Flag Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length To Obtain a Fishery Endorsement**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

approval to renew an information collection. The information collection is necessary for MARAD to determine that a particular vessel is owned and controlled by United States citizens and is eligible to receive a fishery endorsement to its documentation. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2019-0156 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael C. Pucci, (202) 366-5167, Division of Maritime Programs, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: [michael.pucci@dot.gov](mailto:michael.pucci@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Requirements for Eligibility of U.S.-Flag Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length to Obtain a Fishery Endorsement.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0530.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* In accordance with the American Fisheries Act of 1998, owners of vessels of 100 feet or greater who wish to obtain a fishery endorsement to the vessels' documentation are required to file with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) an Affidavit of United States Citizenship. The information collected will be used by MARAD to determine that a vessel is owned and controlled by citizens of the United States in accordance with the requirements of the American Fisheries Act (AFA) of 1998 and, therefore, is eligible to be documented with a fishery endorsement to its documentation.

*Respondents:* Certain vessel owners, vessel operators, financial institutions, and professional trusts.

*Affected Public:* Vessel owners, charterers, mortgagees, mortgage trustees and managers of vessels of 100 feet or greater who seek a fishery endorsement for the vessel.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 500.  
*Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2950.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Public Comments Invited:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized 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 1.49.

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Dated: October 2, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0155]

#### Request for Comments on the Approval of a New Proposed Information Collection: Port Infrastructure Development Program

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a new information collection. The information to be collected are applications for grants to be used to support DOT's work with State, local, Tribal, and private partners to guide investments that stimulate economic growth, improve the condition of transportation infrastructure, and enable the efficient and safe movement of people and goods. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-

2019-0155 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Bouchard, 202-366-5076, Office of Infrastructure Development and Congestion Mitigation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: [Robert.bouchard@dot.gov](mailto:Robert.bouchard@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Port Infrastructure Development Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-NEW.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Abstract:* On February 15, 2019, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (FY 2019 Appropriations Act), which appropriated \$292,730,000 to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) for the Port Infrastructure Development Program (Program). This appropriations act allows the Department to make discretionary grants to improve port facilities at or near coastal seaports. This Program supports the Department of Transportation (DOT) strategic goal of infrastructure investment to ensure safety and to stimulate economic growth, productivity and competitiveness for American workers and businesses. DOT seeks to work effectively with State, local, Tribal, and private partners to guide investments that stimulate economic growth, improve the condition of transportation infrastructure, and enable the efficient and safe movement of people and goods. To achieve this goal, DOT will provide guidance, technical assistance, and research that leverages Federal funding, accelerates project delivery, reduces project lifecycle costs, and optimizes the operation and performance of existing facilities. By using innovative forms of project delivery, encouraging partnerships between the public and private sectors, and strategically balancing investments across various modes of transportation to promote greater efficiencies, DOT can maximize

the returns to the Nation's economy and people.

*Respondents:* A port authority, a commission or its subdivision or agent under existing authority, as well as a State or political subdivision of a State or local government, a Tribal government, a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States, a special purpose district with a transportation function, a multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities, or a lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 250.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 160.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40,000.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.

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**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Information Dissemination Quality Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation, US Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Updated guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is issuing updated guidelines to implement section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued Government-wide guidelines under Section 515 which direct each Federal agency to establish and implement written procedures to ensure and maximize the quality, utility, objectivity and integrity of the information that they disseminate. OMB has directed each agency to update its guidelines in accordance with the requirements of OMB Memorandum M-19-15.

**DATES:** Comments are due November 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by DOT-OST-2019-0135, by any of the following methods: