

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

OCC shall post notice on its website of proposed changes that are implemented. The proposal shall not take effect until all regulatory actions required with respect to the proposal are completed.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-OCC-2022-001 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-OCC-2022-001. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and

printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC and on OCC's website at <https://www.theocc.com/Company-Information/Documents-and-Archives/By-Laws-and-Rules>.

All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-OCC-2022-001 and should be submitted on or before March 4, 2022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵⁷

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11365]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Employment Application for Locally Employed Staff or Family Member

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to March 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open

for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Employment Application for Locally Employed Staff or Family member.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0189.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Global Talent Management, Office of Overseas Employment (GTM/OE).
- *Form Number:* DS-0174.
- *Respondents:* The respondents are locals who live in 175 countries abroad and who are applying for a position at the U.S. Embassy, Consulate or Mission in their country. In addition, Family members who are accompanying their partners to assignments in the U.S. Embassies, Consulates or Mission abroad.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,000,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 250,000.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The information solicited is used to establish eligibility and qualifications at U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Missions abroad. The respondents are locals who live in the 175 countries abroad and who are applying for a position at the U.S. Embassy, Consulate or Mission in their country. In addition, Family members who are accompanying

⁵⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

their partners to assignments in the U.S. Embassies, Consulates or Mission abroad. The authority is the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended, and 22 U.S.C. 2669(c).

Methodology

Candidates for employment use the DS-0174 to apply for Mission-advised positions around the world. Mission recruitments generate approximately 1 million applications per year, the majority of which are collected electronically using an applicant management system, Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA). Data that HR and hiring officials extract from the DS-0174 determine employment eligibility and qualifications for the position, and selections according to Federal Policies.

Kevin E. Bryant,

Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) staff members selected to serve on the Senior Executive Service (SES) and Senior Level (SL) Performance Review Board (PRB). This notice supersedes all previous PRB membership notices.

DATES: The staff members in this notice will begin serving as PRB members on February 11, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cassie Ender, Human Capital Specialist, Office of Human Capital and Services, at (202) 395-7360 or *Cassie.L.Galla@ustr.eop.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USTR is required (*see* 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)) to establish a PRB to review and make recommendations to the U.S. Trade Representative for final approval of the performance rating, performance-based pay adjustment, and performance award for each incumbent SES and SL. The following staff members have been selected to serve on USTR's PRB:

Chair: Bill Jackson, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Textile Affairs

Member: Dawn Shackelford, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific

Member: Dan Mullaney, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East

Member: Julie Callahan, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Agricultural Affairs

Member: Juan Millan, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Investment

Fred Ames,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Administration, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Enhancing Highway Workforce Development Opportunities Contracting Initiative

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, authorizes a recipient or subrecipient of a grant provided by the DOT Secretary under Title 23 or 49, United States Code, to implement a local or other geographical or economic hiring preference relating to the use of labor for construction of a project funded by the grant subject to any applicable State and local laws, policies, and procedures. Based on this statutory authorization, FHWA is announcing a transition from its initiative announced in May 2021, which permitted, on an experimental basis, recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds for Federal-aid highway projects to utilize geographic, economic, or other hiring preferences or innovative contracting approaches not otherwise authorized by law. The May 2021 initiative was carried out as a pilot program under FHWA's existing experimental contracting authority and the legal authority in the Section 199B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorizing such hiring preferences "not otherwise authorized by law." Now that BIL creates the legal authority for local or other geographical or economic hiring preferences, an experimental pilot program for such hiring preferences is no longer needed. In Addition, the use of such preferences

going forward are subject to Section 25019 of the BIL, not Section 199B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

DATES: This action is applicable immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information: Mr. James DeSanto, Office of Preconstruction, Construction and Pavements, (614) 357-8515, *James.DeSanto@dot.gov*, or Mr. Patrick Smith, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1345, *Patrick.C.Smith@dot.gov*, Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's website at *www.FederalRegister.gov* and the Government Publishing Office's website at *www.GovInfo.gov*.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The BIL, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021), authorizes a recipient or subrecipient of a grant provided by the DOT Secretary under Title 23 or 49, United States Code (U.S.C.), to implement a local or other geographical or economic hiring preference relating to the use of labor for construction of a project funded by the grant, including prehire agreements, subject to any applicable State and local laws, policies, and procedures. BIL, § 25019(a)(1). The BIL also provides that the use of a local or other geographical or economic hiring preference authorized by Section 25019(a)(1) in any bid for a contract for the construction of a project funded by a grant described in Section 25019(a)(1) shall not be considered to unduly limit competition. BIL, § 25019(a)(2).

Enhancing Highway Workforce Development Opportunities Contracting Initiative

On May 21, 2021, at 86 FR 27667, FHWA announced an initiative to permit and evaluate geographic, economic, or other hiring preferences or innovative contracting approaches not otherwise authorized by law that have the potential to enhance workforce development opportunities in the transportation construction industry, including for low-income communities. As discussed in the **Federal Register** notice for that initiative, FHWA historically disallowed such requirements out of concern for their potential impact on competition.