

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33299, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: T. Scott Bannister, 1300 Des Moines Building, 405 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Decided: December 4, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 533X)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.;
Abandonment Exemption; in Hamilton
County, OH**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board,
Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by CSX Transportation, Inc. of a 1.25-mile portion of its Louisville Division, Cincinnati Terminal Subdivision, between milepost 7.11, near Mitchell Street, and milepost 5.86, at the end of track at Dane Avenue, in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, OH, subject to labor protective conditions and a historic preservation condition.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 13, 1997. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA¹ under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and requests for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 23, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by December 27, 1996; requests for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 2, 1997; and petitions to reopen must be filed by January 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 533X) to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423, and (2) Petitioner's representative: Charles M. Rosenberger, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

¹ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660.
[TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: November 25, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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**UNITED STATES INFORMATION
AGENCY**

**Administration of the 1997 U.S. Based
Training Program for Overseas
Educational Advisers; Request for
Proposals**

SUMMARY: The Advising and Student Services Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to develop two sets of training programs for USIA-affiliated overseas educational advisers to take place in late spring and fall of 1997, respectively. The basic function of an overseas educational adviser is to provide accurate, objective information to foreign audiences on U.S. study opportunities at accredited academic institutions, and to guide students and professionals in selecting a program appropriate to their needs. Participants will be drawn from educational advisers working at USIA-affiliated overseas educational advising centers. The training program is intended for two separate groups of ten participants. Each program must be at least two weeks in duration and must include workshops on advising issues of concern, an internship or other form of substantive professional stayover at a U.S. academic institution(s), and attendance at either the national NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference or one of its regional fall conferences. USIA

anticipates awarding up to \$150,000 to one organization to administer this program.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * * ; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program cited above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act.

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number *E/ASA-97-08*.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Monday, January 13, 1997. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked January 13, 1997 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. The grant should begin on or about March 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Advising and Student Services, E/ASA, Room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, Tel: (202) 619-5434, Fax: (202) 401-1433. Email: pbecskeh@usia.gov, to request a Solicitation Package which includes supplementary information; required application forms; and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

TO DOWNLOAD A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA INTERNET: The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/> or from the Internet Gopher at [gopher://gopher.usia.gov](http://gopher.usia.gov/). Under the heading "International Exchanges/Training," select "Request for Proposals (RFPs)."