

11. Interfaces with SSANet users to determine the impact of new applications and workloads and supports user liaison and systems development activities of other SSA components in the resolution of network technical and operational problems.

12. Manages communications software changes to ensure compatibility with hardware modifications at Central Office and all remote network platform locations.

13. Directs the planning, analysis and design of specialized network software systems for providing information relevant to the development of existing and proposed data communications systems.

14. Responsible for all aspects of engineering, design, configuration, implementation and support of LAN Operating System (OS) software, telecommunications and connectivity service functions at SSA.

15. Responsible for telecommunications and connectivity projects, including acquisition, implementation, integration and control.

16. Develops, disseminates and enforces standards and policies relating to workstations, workstation configurations, peripherals, LANs, LAN OS, local bridges and routers and related customer support and service.

17. Works with SSA users to provide solutions to LAN telecommunications needs that are consistent with SSA-network architecture policies; determines network and interfacing hardware needs, implementing solutions, planning and expansion; and determines staff hardware training needs. It assists SSA telecommunications users in determining and refining services and support requirements, configuration and engineering solutions, planning for future needs, coordinating implementation and evaluating effectiveness.

18. Provides a full range of initial and followup telecommunications and connectivity services and support for SSA users in network requirements analysis, system design, LAN needs determination, engineering, implementation, network control, OS software support and training.

19. Develops and distributes research papers on applied technology and its relationship to existing and future telecommunications and connectivity requirements. It also develops alternate systems configurations to meet specific alternative requirements (non-traditional technology approaches).

20. Solves network problems by applying information on state-of-the-art OS, telecommunications and connectivity software and hardware currently available in the marketplace. It develops turn-key telecommunications systems and special menus to meet unusual customer requirements.

21. Responsible for all aspects of network design, network engineering, network connectivity, development and customization of network management processes/tools, network automation processes and network performance.

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Shirley S. Chater,  
*Commissioner of Social Security.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST).  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 27, 1996 [FR 61, page 44118].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 10, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Weaver, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2811.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration

*Title:* Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0032.

*Affected Public:* U.S. citizens who own or operate one or more vessels in the foreign or domestic commerce of the United States and wish to receive benefits under the CRF program.

*Abstract:* The collection consists of an application required from all citizens

who own or operate vessels in the U.S. foreign or domestic commerce and desire "tax" benefits under the Construction Reserve Fund (CRF) program. The annual statements set forth a detailed analysis of the status of the CRF when each income tax return is filed. Checks for withdrawals from the CRF must be sent to MARAD for countersignature and return for effecting the withdrawal.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The application is required in order for MARAD to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the benefits and for the applicant to obtain benefits under the CRF program. The annual statements are required from each respondent in order for MARAD to assure that the requirements of the program are being satisfied.

*Annual Burden:* 54 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 6, 1997.

Phillip A. Leach,  
*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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#### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending January 3, 1997

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the