

Background

On November 4, 1998, at 63 FR 59621, a notice was published on implementation information for Innovative Bridge Research and Construction Program funds [Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, 428 (1998), codified at 23 U.S.C. 503(b)]. This notice described the legislative basis for the program and the process for application for program funds for the fiscal years of 1998 and 1999. The notice further advised that the Secretary will select and approve applications based on whether the project that is the subject of the grant meets the goals of the program. The notice also advised that the Federal share of the cost of a project under this program will be determined by the Secretary and may include funds for preliminary engineering and performance evaluation.

The FHWA recognizes the public's interest in how the agency evaluates and selects projects to be funded. For that reason, we are scheduling a public meeting to obtain comments and ideas from interested persons to assist the FHWA in implementing section 5103 expeditiously. Oral statements and comments made by the participants during the course of the meeting will be recorded and incorporated into the official proceedings. Written comments will be accepted and placed in the public docket along with a transcript of the meeting. All docket comments and meeting transcripts will subsequently be available for review in the DOT Docket room.

During the hearing we plan to discuss all relevant issues concerning the evaluation, selection and funding of projects which meet the goals of the innovative bridge research and construction program.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315 and 503(b); 49 CFR 1.48.

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Henry H. Rentz,

Director of Program Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Research and Development Programs Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will

describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 18, 1999, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on March 3, 1999. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by March 5, 1999, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the March 5 date will be answered at the meeting during the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of answers to questions submitted by March 5 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, MI. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the March 18, 1999, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is (202) 366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years, since April 1993, NHTSA has provided detailed information about its research and development programs in presentations at a series of public meetings. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This is the twenty-third meeting in that series, and it will be held on March 18, 1999, at the Clarion Hotel, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, MI.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on March 3, 1999. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers or at the E-mail

address listed elsewhere in this notice, or from NHTSA's Web site under Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentations at the March 18 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations. Additionally, if any interested parties would like to make a presentation regarding technical issues concerning any of NHTSA's research programs, information concerning the proposed topic and speaker should be submitted in writing by close of business March 3, 1999.

Specific R&D topics are: Fiscal Year 1999 R&D Research Efforts, International Harmonized Research Activities (IHRA), On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are: Status of advanced air bag research, Demonstration of CD ROM for child restraint/vehicle compatibility, Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology, Status of research on restraint systems for rollover protection, Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing), Advanced glazing research, Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility, Upgrade side crash protection, Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems, Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing, Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection, National Transportation Biomechanics Research Center (NTBRC), Head and neck injury research, Lower extremity injury research, Thorax injury research, Human injury simulation and analysis, Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and Advanced frontal test dummy.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are: National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS), Intelligent vehicle initiative, Status and plans for anti-lock brake system (ABS) research and testing, Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices, Drowsy driver monitoring, Driver workload assessment, Rear-end collision avoidance system guidelines, Road departure collision avoidance system guidelines, Intersection collision avoidance system

guidelines, Lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topic is: Special crash investigation studies of air bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on March 5, 1999, will be answered. The summary minutes of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and answers to the questions submitted for response at the meeting will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within 3 weeks after the meeting. Copies of this material will then be available at ten cents a page upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The summary minutes, handouts, and answers to the questions will also be available on NHTSA's Web site at Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons by telephone on (202) 366-4862, by telefax on (202) 366-5930, or by E-mail at rgibbons@nhtsa.dot.gov by close of business March 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4862. Fax number: (202) 366-5930. E-mail: rgibbons@nhtsa.dot.gov.

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Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 10, 1999.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 24, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1622.

Form Number: IRS Form 8866.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Interest Computation Under the Look-Back Method for Property Depreciated Under the Forecast Method.

Description: Taxpayers depreciating property under the income forecast method and placed in service after September 13, 1995, must use Form 8866 to compute and report interest due or to be refunded under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 167(g)(2). The IRS uses Form 8866 to determine if the interest has been figured correctly.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 5,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—9 hr., 34 min.

Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 5 min.

Preparing, Copying, assembling and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 18 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 59,800 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0103]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Ron Taylor,

Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0103."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Child, VA Form 21-4183.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0103.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used by a child under age 18 where the surviving spouse was not, or is no longer entitled to benefits, or by a child age 18 or over, regardless of the surviving spouse's entitlement. The form is used in lieu of VA Form 21-534, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation or Death Pension by Widow(er) or Child, in order to help reduce the reporting burden of a child under 18 when information about the deceased veteran's spouse is not required.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 29, 1998 at page 58099-58100.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,975 hours.