

CFIVAC to provide advice to the Coast Guard on issues related to the safety of commercial fishing vessels regulated under chapter 45 of title 46, United States Code, which includes uninspected fishing vessels, fish processing vessels, and fish tender vessels. CFIVAC consists of 17 members as follows: Ten members from the commercial fishing industry who reflect a regional and representational balance and have experience in the operation of vessels to which chapter 45 of Title 46, United States Code applies, or as a crew member or processing line member on an uninspected fish processing vessel; one member representing naval architects or marine surveyors; one member representing manufacturers of equipment for vessels to which chapter 45 applies; one member representing education or training professionals related to fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, or fish tender vessel safety, or personnel qualifications; one member representing underwriters that insure vessels to which chapter 45 applies; and three members representing the general public, including whenever possible, an independent expert or consultant in maritime safety and a member of a national organization composed of persons representing owners of vessels to which chapter 45 applies and persons representing the marine insurance industry.

CFIVAC meets at least once a year in different seaport cities nationwide. Special meetings may also be called. Subcommittee meetings are held to consider specific problems as required.

Applications will be considered for six positions that expire or become vacant in October 1999 in the following categories: (a) Commercial Fishing Industry (four positions); (b) General Public (one position); (c) Equipment Manufacturers (one position).

Persons selected as general public members are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, OGE Form 450, on an annual basis. Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Each member serves for a term of three years. A limited portion of the membership may serve consecutive terms. Members of the CFIVAC serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursements and per diem are provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard

encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

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Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Brunswick County, North Carolina.

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy C. Shelton, Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Suite 410, 310 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, Telephone: (919) 856-4350, extension 133.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a second bridge to Oak Island in Brunswick County, North Carolina. The proposed improvement will involve the construction of the second high-rise bridge over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from SR 1105 (Middleton Avenue) to the mainland and the construction of a two-lane roadway with partial control of access on new location from the waterway to NC 211. The proposed action also includes widening the existing SR 1105 from SR 1104 (Beach Road) to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and replacing Bridge No. 206 over Davis Canal. The proposed improvements are considered necessary to provide an increased level of service on the existing road system by increasing traffic capacity and would provide additional access onto and off of the island. Alternatives under consideration include (1) no-build, (2) transportation system management (TSM), (3) mass transit, (4) improve existing facilities, and (5) construction of a new bridge and roadway over the Intracoastal waterway.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate Federal, State and local

agencies. A series of public meetings and a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on the Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed from a private sector sales broker to submit an offer to VA on behalf of a prospective purchaser of a VA-acquired property.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to