

independent media from Serbia. The response from the Belgrade regime has been to curb dissemination of democratically-oriented media from the RS into Serbia and to issue threats against representatives of the RS government.

Section 566 requires publication of a listing and justification of any assistance that is obligated for any country, entity, or canton to which assistance restrictions apply, including a description of the purpose of the assistance project and its location, by municipality.

The following data are for funds obligated during April–July 2000. Locality data are provided where feasible. However, U.S. assistance in Bosnia, including Republika Srpska has largely shifted from physical reconstruction projects to provision of technical assistance and promotion of political and economic reform. As indicated below, assistance in Serbia is geared toward increasing capabilities of political opposition parties and the independent media. U.S. bilateral aid implementers apply strict screening procedures to ensure that aid beneficiaries, whether of business credits or technical assistance, are firms or organizations in which war crimes indictees have no material influence or interest.

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The following list gives, in order, Date of Obligation, Amount of Obligation, Project Number, Project Title, Description of Activity, Justification of Assistance, Location.

- 4/04/00. \$549,916. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Voter Education Assistance. Throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina (includes RS)
- 4/04/00. \$109,000. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Electoral polling in support of April municipal elections. Throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina (includes RS)
- 4/19/00. \$65,000. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Support political resource center to service candidates and parties. Visegrad (RS).
- 5/2/00. \$2,721,834. 180–0056. Bosnia Reconstruction Finance. Technical assistance to the business development program, to support loan program to private enterprises. Throughout RS, with emphasis on US SFOR AOR.
- 5/4/00. \$3,501,249. 180–0014. Privatization & Enterprise Restructuring. Provide service delivery and management at selected banks. Supports development of private sector

economy. Primarily Western RS in US—SFOR AOR.

- 5/12/00. \$244,117. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Grant with ABA/CEELI. Improve management of court system. RS wide.
- 5/17/00. \$3,000,000. 180–0014. Privatization & Enterprise Restructuring. Provide technical assistance and training in international accounting and audit standards. Supports development of private sector economy. Primarily Western RS in US—SFOR AOR.
- 5/25/00. \$400,000. 180–0014. Privatization & Enterprise Restructuring. Conducting financial verification of payments bureaus. Supports international community priority of shutting down payments bureau system by December 2000 and restructuring BiH financial system along Western lines. Throughout RS.
- 5/25/00. \$489,957. 180–0019. Democratic Governance. Provision of technical assistance to managers and administrators. Supporting democratization. Throughout RS.
- 5/31/00. \$4,643,917. 180–0022. Media Training. Technical assistance to independent electronic and print media. Federation and RS.
- 6/6/00. \$502,193. 180–0032. NGO Development. Strengthen civil society by facilitating NGO development through training and technical assistance. Federation and RS.

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- 5/1/00. \$995,556. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development. Economic program development; for use in opposition election campaigns and to guide polices once the political opposition is elected to office.
- 5/10/00. \$990,131. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development; increase cohesiveness and electoral outreach capabilities of democratic opposition parties.
- 5/15/00. \$227,820. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development. Aims to increase cohesiveness and electoral outreach capabilities of democratic opposition parties.
- 5/24/00. \$822,470. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development; increase cohesiveness and electoral outreach capabilities of democratic opposition parties.
- 6/5/00. \$500,000. 180–0020. Rule of Law. Work with legal community toward a more democratic legal framework. Goal: improve legal

system that sustains democratic process.

- 6/22/00. \$1,100,000. 180–0021 and 180–0032. Political and Social Process; NGO Development. Political campaign training and vote mobilization activities; develop social and political advocacy capabilities of NGOs. Goals: Increase electoral capabilities of opposition parties; strengthen NGO role in democratic process.
- 6/29/00. \$1,000,000. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Elections Program: Increase electoral capabilities of opposition parties through more effective civil society training and advocacy.
- 7/11/00. \$629,460. 180–0032. NGO Development. Use telecottage concept to facilitate information sharing. Goal: Strengthen advocacy capabilities of civil society.
- 7/14/00. \$7,767,480. 180–0022. Independent Media. Training and direct material assistance to improve capabilities of independent media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of the SEED Coordinator, Department of State, 2101 C St NW, Washington, DC 20521, 202–647–0853.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

Larry C. Napper,

Coordinator for East European Assistance, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 2000–8032]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget (OMB): OMB Control Numbers 2115–0617 and 2115–0016

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Coast Guard intends to seek the approval of OMB for the renewal of two Information Collection Requests (ICRs). The ICRs comprise (1) Direct Users' Fees for Inspection or Examination of U.S. and Foreign Commercial Vessels, and (2) Characteristics of Liquid Chemicals Proposed for Movement in Bulk by Water. Before submitting the ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is requesting comments on the items described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before December 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management System (DMS) [USCG 2000-8032], U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The DMS maintains the public docket for these request. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying in room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-CIM-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on these documents; Dorothy Beard, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330, for questions on the docket.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document [USCG 2000-8032], and give the reason for the comments. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

Information Collection Request

1. *Title:* Direct Users' Fees for Inspection or Examination of U.S. and Foreign Commercial Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0617.

Summary: This collection requires the submission of identifying information such as vessels' names and identification numbers. A written request to the Coast Guard is necessary.

Need: The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1990, which amended 46 U.S.C. 2110, requires the Coast Guard to collect users' fees from inspected vessels. To properly collect and manage these fees, the Coast Guard must have current information on identification. This collection helps to ensure that we collect and manage these fees efficiently.

Respondents: Owners of vessels.

Frequency: Annually.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 4,648 hours annually.

2. *Title:* Characteristics of Liquid Chemicals Proposed for Movement in Bulk by Water.

OMB No. 2115-0016.

Summary: The Coast Guard requires manufacturers of new chemicals to submit data on the chemicals. From these data, the Coast Guard determines the appropriate precautions to take.

Need: Under 46 CFR parts 30 to 40, 151, 153, and 154, the Coast Guard regulates the transportation of hazardous materials. Because of its nature, the chemical industry is always producing new chemicals, which it must ship. Each of these has unique characteristics that entail special attention to its mode of shipment.

Respondents: Manufacturers of chemicals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 129 hours annually.

Dated: September 27, 2000.

V.S. Crea,

Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-8047]

National Boating Safety Activities: Funding for National Nonprofit Public Service Organizations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for grants and cooperative agreements from national, nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations. These grants and cooperative agreements would be used to fund projects on various subjects promoting boating safety on the national level. This notice provides information about the grant and cooperative agreement application process and some of the subjects of particular interest to the Coast Guard.

DATES: Application packages may be obtained on or after October 10, 2000. Proposals for the fiscal year 2001 grant cycle must be received before 4:30 p.m. eastern time, January 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Application packages may be obtained by calling the Coast Guard Infoline at 800-368-5647. Submit proposals to: Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 3100, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available from the Coast Guard Infoline and on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Albert Marmo or Ms. Vickie Hartberger, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard (G-OPB-1/room 3100), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; 202-267-0950 or 202-267-0974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 26, United States Code, section 9504, establishes the Boat Safety Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. From this trust fund, the majority of funds are allocated to the States, and up to 5% of these funds may be distributed by the Coast Guard for grants and cooperative agreements to national, nonprofit, public service organizations for national boating safety activities. It is anticipated that \$2,950,000 will be available for fiscal year 2001. Twenty four awards totaling \$2,948,343 were made in fiscal year 2000 ranging from \$5,000 to \$436,200. Nothing in this announcement should be construed as committing the Coast Guard to dividing available funds among qualified applicants or awarding any specified amount.

It is anticipated that several awards will be made by the Director of Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard. Applicants must be national, nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations and must establish that their activities are, in fact, national in scope. An application package may be obtained by writing or calling the point of contact listed in **ADDRESSES** on or after October 10, 2000. The application package contains all necessary forms, an explanation of how the grant program is administered, and a checklist for submitting a grant application. Specific information on organization eligibility, proposal requirements, award procedures, and financial administration procedures may be obtained by contacting the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.