

(4) Does the applicant have the professional qualifications and team members necessary for satisfactory performance of the proposed activity?

(5) How well does the technical approach and proposed costs reflect an understanding of the procedures necessary to complete the required tasks?

(6) To what degree does the proposal include cost-sharing? More weight will be given to proposals with cash contributions than in-kind services. For awards of \$100,000 or more, BTS requires cash contributions of 50 percent toward the project's total estimated funding requirement.

V. Amount of Funds Available and Period of Support

We anticipate that approximately \$500,000 per year will be designated to support grants, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. This estimate does not bind BTS to a specific number of offers or awards, nor to a specific amount of funding support for particular awards or awards in aggregate. It is anticipated that individual awards amounts, based upon demonstrated needs, will likely range from \$50,000 to \$200,000, though BTS has not established minimum or maximum funding levels.

Given the limited amount of funds available, applicants are strongly encouraged to seek other funding opportunities to supplement the federal funds. Preference will be given to applicants with cost sharing proposals from within or outside their organizations.

The period of time of awards will vary with the complexity of the project and it is possible that grants will be awarded for periods greater than one year.

VI. BTS Involvement

BTS involvement, if any, will vary by award. If you anticipate BTS involvement, you must note this in your project narrative and any support BTS provides will be specified in the award agreement. BTS will assign a liaison to serve as the primary contact regarding the grant.

VII. Terms and Conditions of Award

(1) Prior to award, each grantee will be required to complete additional government application forms, such as OMB SF-424B (Assurances—Nonconstruction Programs), and with certification requirements, such as 49 CFR part 20, Department of Transportation New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 49 CFR part 29, Department of Transportation

Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-Procurement).

(2) Each grantee shall submit quarterly progress reports, a draft final report, and a final report that reflects the BTS liaison's comments.

Thank you for your interest in our Transportation Statistics Research Grants program.

Ashish Sen,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

[Notice No. 908]

Availability of ATF Publication 5400.7 (Federal Explosives Law and Regulations—2000)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is issuing this notice: (1) To announce the release of ATF Publication 5400.7 (09/00), "Federal Explosives Law and Regulations—2000" and (2) to make certain technical corrections to that publication. The purpose of this publication is to serve as a guide to Federal explosives laws, regulations, and related information.

ADDRESSES: ATF P 5400.7 (09/00), "Federal Explosives Law and Regulations—2000" is available at no cost upon request from the ATF Distribution Center, P.O. Box 5950, Springfield, Virginia 22150-5950. The publication may also be viewed at ATF's web site at: <http://www.atf.treas.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill O'Brien, Public Safety Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 680 Techworld South Building, Washington, DC 20226 (202-927-7930).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is pleased to announce the release of ATF Publication 5400.7 (09/00), "Federal Explosives Law and Regulations—2000." The purpose of this publication is to serve as a guide to Federal explosives law, regulations, and related information. Several changes have been made to explosives laws and regulations since the last publication.

In examining the completed publication, we observed two errors in the regulations section which need to be corrected, as follows:

1. In 27 CFR 55.218 (Table of distances for storage of explosive materials), footnote 3 at the end of the table, "11/2 lbs." should be changed to read "1½ lbs."; and

2. In 27 CFR 55.223 (Table of distances between fireworks process buildings and other specified areas), the title heading of the table was omitted and should be added to read:

Distance From Passenger Railways, Public Highways, Fireworks Plant Buildings Used to Store Consumer Fireworks and Articles Pyrotechnic, Magazines and Fireworks Shipping Buildings, and Inhabited Buildings.^{3 4 5}

In addition to the above, we wish to point out that the correct address of the ATF Out-of-Business Records Center is: 2029 Stonewall Jackson Drive, Spring Mills Office Park, Falling Waters, West Virginia 25419. The regulations at 27 CFR 55.128 (Discontinuance of business) will be amended to reflect this change in a forthcoming Treasury decision.

Approved: November 13, 2000.

Bradley A. Buckles,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 97-66

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Notice 97-66, Certain Payments Made Pursuant to a Securities Lending Transaction.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue