

McClellan, CA.<sup>2</sup> In addition, Yolo has leased the associated engine house and shop.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or about April 2, 2001. The earliest the transaction could be consummated was March 16, 2001, 7 days after the exemption was filed.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34018, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mr. David Magaw, General Manager, Yolo Shortline Railroad, 341 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: March 20, 2001.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With An International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Base (Base), which was slated for closure by the U.S. Department of Defense and will be officially closed by the U.S. Air Force in July 2001. Yolo indicates that, as portions of the Base are closed, they are turned over to the County for redevelopment. According to Yolo, there is no rail traffic currently at McClellan Park but that the track is usable for team track and reloading areas and service to warehousing.

<sup>2</sup> Yolo notes that the Union Pacific Railroad Company has filed McClellan Park at milepost 97.5 on its Martinez Subdivision, between Roseville and Sacramento, CA. Certain attachments to the verified notice indicate that the Base is in Planehaven, CA.

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Bahrain  
Iraq  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Libya  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syria  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen, Republic of

Dated: March 20, 2001.

**Michael Mundaca,**

*Acting International Tax Counsel (Tax Policy).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (OA&MM), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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 reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to allow firms to offer items that are equal to the brand name item stated in the bid.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 29, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Donald E. Kaliher, Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (95A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810

Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [donald.kaliher@mail.va.gov](mailto:donald.kaliher@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0585" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald E. Kaliher at (202) 273-8819.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, OA&MM invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OA&MM's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OA&MM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.211-77, Brand Name or Equal (was 852.210-77).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0585.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* VAAR clause 852.211-77, Brand Name or Equal, advises bidders or offerors who are proposing to offer an item that is alleged to be equal to the brand name item stated in the bid, that it is the bidder's or offeror's responsibility to show that the item offered is in fact, equal to the brand name item. This evidence may be in the form of descriptive literature or material, such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, or other information. While submission of the information is voluntary, failure to provide the information may result in rejection of the firm's bid or offer if the Government cannot otherwise determine that the item offered is equal. The contracting officer will use the information to evaluate whether or not the item offered meets the specification requirements.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals and households; and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 833 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.