

Commission believes that there is good cause, consistent with Section 19(b) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> to approve the proposed rule change, as amended, on an accelerated basis.

## V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-CHX-2004-05) is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9Z06]

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts (and Contiguous Counties in New Hampshire and Rhode Island)

Barnstable, Essex, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk Counties and the contiguous counties of Bristol, Middlesex, and Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties in the State of New Hampshire; and Providence in the State of Rhode Island constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a nor'easter storm that occurred on December 6-7, 2003. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on October 18, 2004, at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.061 percent.

The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9Z0600 for Massachusetts; 9Z0700 for New

Hampshire; and 9Z0800 for Rhode Island.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: January 16, 2004.

**Hector V. Barreto,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA)/Joint Planning Advisory Group (JPAG)

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Synopsis of January 8-9, 2004, meeting with VISA participants.

The VISA program requires that a notice of the time, place, and nature of each JPAG meeting be published in the **Federal Register**. The program also requires that a list of VISA participants be periodically published in the **Federal Register**. The full text of the VISA program, including these requirements, is published in 68 FR 8800-8808, dated February 25, 2003.

On January 8-9, 2004, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) co-hosted a meeting of the VISA JPAG at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

Meeting attendance was by invitation only, due to the nature of the information discussed and the need for a government-issued security clearance. Of the 57 U.S.-flag carrier corporate participants enrolled in the VISA program at the time of the meeting, 21 companies participated in the meeting. In addition, representatives from the Maritime Administration (MARAD), the Department of Defense, and maritime labor attended the meeting.

LtGen Gary Hughey, opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees. He was followed by MG Ann E. Dunwoody, who provided participants with an overview of the meeting. The JPAG meeting included updates on: (1) Intelligence; (2) deployment operations; (3) redeployment operations; and (4) CBR-D training.

As of January 1, 2004, the following commercial U.S.-flag vessel operators were enrolled in the VISA program with MARAD: AAA Shipping No. 1 L.L.C.; A Way to Move, Inc.; America Cargo Transport, Inc.; American Automar, Inc.; American International Car Carrier, Inc.; American President Lines, Ltd.; American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier, LLC;

American Ship Management, L.L.C.; Bay Towing Corporation; Beyel Brothers Inc.; Central Gulf Lines, Inc.; Coastal Transportation, Inc.; Columbia Coastal Transport, LLC; CRC Marine Services, Inc.; Crowley Liner Services, Inc.; Crowley Marine Services, Inc.; Delta Towing; E-Ships, Inc.; Farrell Lines Incorporated; First American Bulk Carrier Corp.; First Ocean Bulk Carrier—I, LLC; First Ocean Bulk Carrier—II, LLC; First Ocean Bulk Carrier—III, LLC; Foss Maritime Company; Horizon Lines, LLC; Laborde Marine Lifts, Inc.; Laborde Marine, L.L.C.; Liberty Shipping Group Limited Partnership; Lockwood Brothers, Inc.; Lykes Lines Limited, LLC; Lynden Incorporated; Maersk Line, Limited; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Maybank Navigation Company, LLC; McAllister Towing and Transportation Co., Inc.; Moby Marine Corporation; Odyssea Shipping Line LLC; OSG Car Carriers, Inc.; Patriot Shipping, L.L.C.; RR & VO L.L.C.; Resolve Towing & Salvage, Inc.; Samson Tug & Barge Company, Inc.; Sea Star Line, LLC; SeaTac Marine Services, LLC; Sealift Inc.; Signet Maritime Corporation; STEA Corporation; Strong Vessel Operators LLC (SVO), Superior Marine Services, Inc.; TECO Ocean Shipping; Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc.; Trailer Bridge, Inc.; TransAtlantic Lines LLC; Troika International, Ltd.; U.S. Ship Management, Inc.; Waterman Steamship Corporation; and Weeks Marine, Inc.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Taylor E. Jones II, Director, Office of Sealift Support, (202) 366-2323.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: January 20, 2004.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Open Meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.  
**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the first meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission, established by the Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act (title V of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003).

**DATES:** The first meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2003, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

45); 46468 (September 6, 2002), 67 FR 58095 (September 13, 2002) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of SR-PCX-2002-44); 46739 (October 29, 2002), 67 FR 67432 (November 5, 2002) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of SR-NASD-2002-146); and 48622 (October 10, 2003), 68 FR 59828 (October 17, 2003) (Order approving SR-BSE-2003-18).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5) and 78s(b).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).