

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel RENEGADE is:

Intended Use: "Interisland overnight cruises, dinner cruises, snorkeling & swimming, honeymoon getaways."

Geographic Region: "Hawaii."

Dated: November 24, 2004.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2004 19771]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel SPECIAL K.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2004-19771 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments.

Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver

criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2004 19771. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SPECIAL K is:

Intended Use: "Charter Party Fishing Boat".

Geographic Region: "North Carolina and South Carolina".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Innovative Grants to Support Increased Safety Belt Use Rates

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of grants to support innovative and effective projects designed to increase safety belt use rates.

SUMMARY: NHTSA announces the sixth year of a grant program under section 1403 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), as extended, to provide funding to States for innovative projects to increase safety belt use rates. Consistent with prior years, the goal of this program is to

increase safety belt use rates across the Nation in order to reduce the deaths, injuries, and societal costs that result from motor vehicle crashes. Award of funds will be based on criteria specified in this **Federal Register** Notice. This Notice solicits applications from the States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, through their Governors' Representatives for Highway Safety, for funds to be made available in fiscal year (FY) 2005. Detailed application instructions are provided in the Application Procedure and the Application Contents and Grant Criteria sections of this Notice.

DATES: Applications must be received by the appropriate NHTSA Regional Office on or before close of business on January 10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Each State must submit its application to the appropriate NHTSA Regional Office, to the attention of the Regional Administrator, on or before close of business on January 10, 2005. Addresses of the ten Regional Offices are listed in Appendix A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions relating to this grant program should be directed to Janice Hartwill-Miller, Occupant Protection Division (NTI-112), Office of Program Development and Delivery, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5118, Washington, DC 20590, by e-mail at Janice.hartwill-miller@nhtsa.dot.gov, or by phone at (202) 366-2684. Interested applicants are advised that no separate application package exists beyond the contents of this announcement.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Public Law 105-178, was signed into law on June 9, 1998. Section 1403 of TEA-21 contains a safety incentive grant program based on safety belt usage rates in the States. Under this program, funds are allocated each fiscal year to States that exceed the national average safety belt use rate or that improve their State safety belt use rate, based on certain required determinations and findings. Section 1403 provides that any funds remaining unallocated in a fiscal year after determinations and findings related to safety belt use rates have been made are to be used to "make allocations to States to carry out innovative projects to promote increased safety belt use rates." Pursuant to subsequent extensions of TEA-21, this program currently is authorized through May 31, 2005. Today's Notice solicits applications for funds that may become available in FY 2005 under this extension provision.