

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket No. MARAD-2005-20070]****Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations****ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before March 14, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Jackson, Maritime Administration, MAR-410, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-0284; FAX: (202) 366-7403; or e-mail: [rita.jackson@marad.dot.gov](mailto:rita.jackson@marad.dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Candidate Application for Admission.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0010.

*Form Numbers:* KP 2-65.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The collection consists of Parts I, II, and III of Form KP 2-65 (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application for Admission). Part I of the form is completed by individuals wishing to be admitted as students to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is necessary to select the best qualified candidates for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

*Description of Respondents:*

Individuals desiring to become students at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

*Annual Responses:* 2,500.

*Annual Burden:* 12,500 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this

information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.d.t. (or e.s.t.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.)

Dated: January 7, 2005.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****Responses to Questions Received in Response to Announcement of Availability of Discretionary Cooperative Agreements for Research Under the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN)**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Responses to questions received in response to the announcement of discretionary cooperative agreements to support the research conducted under the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) and to increase its benefits to the public.

**SUMMARY:** **Federal Register**, Volume 69, No. 235, Pages 71101-71118, announced the availability of discretionary Cooperative Agreement opportunities to provide funding to Level One Trauma Centers in support of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The NHTSA indicated that responses to all questions

received by December 20, 2004, would be published in the **Federal Register** and on the CIREN Web site: <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-50/ciren/CIREN.html>. Those questions and answers are listed below:

*Question:* Has the total funding amount of \$3 million been confirmed for FY 2005?

*Answer:* Yes.

*Question:* The announcement does not mention cost-sharing or matching funds. Can it be assumed that neither will be required for this grant?

*Answer:* This is a cooperative research agreement and it is assumed that there will be some "in kind" contributions by the Level One Trauma Center.

*Question:* If cost sharing is not required, would it help an application, though, if matching funds were provided?

*Answer:* Yes.

*Question:* Do you advise applicants to contact you with project ideas before submitting applications? Or only if they have general questions?

*Answer:* No. We are not looking for project ideas. The announcement for discretionary funding for the cooperative research agreements is very specific as to the work required. Applicants are not required to submit any project ideas.

*Question:* The announcement does not mention this, but does this program have a CFDA number?

*Answer:* Yes—it is 20-600.

*Question:* How competitive is this program, *i.e.*, for the last funding cycle, how many proposals were submitted and how many received funding?

*Answer:* This is the first time that the CIREN program has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP). During the last funding cycle, awards were made via a letter of invitation to the existing centers to continue the work they were doing. At that time, the program and database were still in the developmental phase.

*Question:* Is there anything else you would like applicants to know?

*Answer:* No. Applicants should carefully read the **Federal Register** announcement to be certain of work requirements. As indicated in the **Federal Register** announcement, "Interested applicants are advised that no separate application package exists beyond the contents of this announcement."

*Question:* For a proposed site that would like to do both pediatric and adult cases, does Level I funding require that the site track 50 pediatric and 50 adult cases OR can the cases be mixed?

*Answer:* The requirement is for a total of 50 cases.

*Question:* Is the software from Volpe (a) provided free of charge, (b) included