

365 days a year, including holidays. Customer service representatives are available to relay messages and provide customer service. The NOC is also the facility that allows for automatic boat-to-boat, boat-to-email, boat-to-fax, and email-to-boat service. Data on demand and information services are also provided by the NOC.

Boatracs contracts their satellite communication services from QUALCOMM Corporation of California. QUALCOMM offers 24 hours a day 365 days a year network support, and operates fully redundant earth stations in California and Nevada.

VMS units must be installed in accordance with vendor instructions and specifications. All installation costs are paid by the owner. The vessel owner is required to fax or mail the Fisheries Off the West Coast States and in the (Western Pacific Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Activation Fax) directly to NOAA Enforcement, 7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115, fax 206-526-6528.

The owner must confirm the FMTC/G operation and communications service to ensure that position reports are automatically sent to and received by OLE before leaving on their first fishing trip requiring VMS. OLE does not regard the fishing vessel as meeting the requirements until position reports are automatically received. For confirmation purposes, owners must contact NOAA Enforcement, 7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115, voice 206-526-6135, fax 206-526-6528.

III. VMS Provider Addresses

Boatracs corporate office address is 9155 Brown Deer Rd, Suite 8, San Diego, CA 92121. Telephone numbers are toll free (877) 468-8722 and direct dialed (858) 458-8100. The primary point of contact is Lauri Paul, Fisheries Market Segment Executive, e-mail lpaul@boatrac.com, direct telephone number (858) 458-8113, and toll free (877) 468-8722 ext 113. The alternate contact is David Brandos, e-mail dbrandos@boatrac.com, direct telephone number (858) 458-8102, and toll free (877) 468-8722 ext 102.

Dated: December 1, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Public Telecommunications Facilities Program Grant Monitoring

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Clifton Beck, U.S. Department of Commerce, NTIA, Room H-4888, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at CBECK@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program is to assist, through matching funds, in the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities in order to achieve the following objectives:

- Extend delivery of public telecommunications services to as many citizens in the United States as possible by the most efficient and economical means, including the use of broadcast and non-broadcast technologies;
- Increase public telecommunications services and facilities available to, operated by, and owned by minorities and women; and
- Strengthen the capability of existing public radio and television stations to provide public telecommunications services to the public.

II. Method of Collection

The collection allows grantees to make all submissions either over the Internet or by mail. Reports submitted by the grantees include:

- Construction schedule/planning timetable (one time).
- Performance reports (quarterly).
- Close-out materials after completion of the project (one time).
- Annual reports for the duration of the government's interest in the equipment (annually for a ten-year period).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0660-0001.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; state and local government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,970.

Estimated Time Per Response: Construction Schedules/Planning Timetables—on-line, 8 hours, paper, 10 hours; Performance Reports—on-line, 48 minutes, paper, 1 hour; Close-out Reports—on-line, 16 hours, paper, 24 hours; Draft Planning Reports—on-line and paper, 40 hours; Final Planning Reports, on-line and paper, 10 hours; Annual Reports—on-line, 30 minutes, paper, 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,779.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 30, 2005.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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