

the TIGER Discretionary Grants program include promoting economic recovery and supporting projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by October 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2009-0115] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Bennett, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, at 202-366-6222 or Jack.Bennett@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2105-0560.

Title: Supplemental Discretionary Grants for a National Surface Transportation System or TIGER Discretionary Grants.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: On February 17, 2009, the President of the United States signed the Recovery Act to, among other purposes, (1) preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery, (2) invest in transportation infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits, and (3) assist those most affected by the current economic downturn. The Recovery Act appropriated \$1.5 billion of discretionary grant funds to be awarded by the Department for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. The funds provided by TIGER Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

On May 18, 2009, the Department published an interim notice announcing the availability of funding for TIGER Discretionary Grants, project selection criteria, application requirements and the deadline for submitting applications, which is September 15, 2009. On June 17, 2009, the Department published an additional notice revising some elements of the interim notice. In the event that the June 17, 2009, solicitation does not result in the award and obligation of all available funds, the

Department may decide to publish an additional solicitation.

The Department's estimated burden for this information collection is the following:

Expected Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency: One time collection.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 100 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 50,000.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for OST's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for OST to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 17, 2009.

Patricia Lawton,

DOT Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2009-0092]

Information Collection Activity: Request for Comments

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and requests for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of a currently approved collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on June 12, 2009, [FR Vol. 74, No.112, page 28090]. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 21, 2009: DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Perkins, Departmental Office of Human Resources, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9447.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Applicant Background Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0557.

OST Form Number: OST F 3300.18.

Abstract: The purpose of the collection is to standardize the collection of race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, and disability status from applicants for positions within all DOT Operating Administrations. This information will assist the DOT in monitoring programs and will be the basis for several different reports required by statute.

Affected Public: Employees upon initial hire and applicants for positions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 93,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 93,000.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 4650 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility as described; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate, automated, electronic, mechanical or other technology. Comments should be addressed to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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