The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the Federal Register preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- **Title of Information Collection:** Registration for the Foreign Service Officer Test.
- **OMB Control Number:** 1405–0008.
- **Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- **Originating Office:** Human Resources, HR/REE/BEX.
- **Form Number:** DS–1998E.
- **Respondents:** Registrants for the Foreign Service Officer Test.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 30,000.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 30,000.
- **Average Hours per Response:** 2 hours.
- **Total Estimated Burden:** 60,000.
- **Frequency:** Thrice annually.
- **Obligation to Respond:** Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from January 25, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments electronically via e-mail by 4:30 p.m. on January 18, 2011. Michael G. Gallagher, Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance and Management. E-mail: Dennis.Wilhite@ssa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

Individuals registering for the Foreign Service Officer Test will complete a Registration Form that consists of an application form that includes information about their name, age, Social Security Number, contact information, sex, race, national origin, disability, education and work history, and military experience. The information will be used to prepare and issue admission to the Foreign Service Officer Test, to provide data useful for improving future tests, and to conduct research studies based on the test results.

**Methodology**

Responses are submitted electronically.

Dated: January 13, 2011.

Ruben Torres, Executive Director, HR/EX, Department of State.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. FHWA–2010–0154]

Notice of Funding Availability for Applications for Credit Assistance Under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Maritime Administration (MARAD), Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

**SUMMARY:** The DOT’s TIFIA Joint Program Office (JPO) announces the availability of funding to support new applications for credit assistance. Under TIFIA, the DOT provides secured (direct) loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees to public and private applicants for eligible surface transportation projects of regional or national significance. Projects must meet statutorily specified criteria to be selected for credit assistance. Because demand for the TIFIA program can exceed budgetary resources, the DOT is utilizing periodic fixed-date solicitations that will establish a competitive group of projects to be evaluated against the program objectives. This notice outlines the process that applicants must follow. This notice supersedes the notice published in the Federal Register on January 19, 2011, at 76 FR 3190.

**DATES:** For consideration, Letters of Interest must be submitted electronically via e-mail by 4:30 p.m.