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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine M. Papp, Chief, Medical Programs, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for a 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." FMCSA can renew exemptions at the end of each 2-year period. The 4 individuals listed in this notice have each requested such an exemption from

the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce.

Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting an exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

Qualifications of Applicants

Tracey L. Butcher

Mr. Butcher, age 39, has had central scotoma in his right eye due to a traumatic injury sustained as a child. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye 20/3000 and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2011, his optometrist noted, "In my opinion, has sufficient vision to perform driving tasks required in the operation of a commercial vehicle." Mr. Butcher reported that he has driven straight trucks for 10 years, accumulating 650,000 miles and tractor-trailer combinations for 13 years, accumulating 201,500 miles. He holds a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) from Virginia. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Keith M. Calvert

Mr. Calvert, 60, has had central scotoma in his left eye for the past 20 years. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye 20/20 and in his left eye, 20/200. Following an examination in 2011, his ophthalmologist noted, "It is my opinion that he has sufficient vision with glasses to operate a commercial vehicle, I believe that his condition is stable." Mr. Calvert reported that he has driven straight trucks for 5 years, accumulating 750,000 miles, tractor-trailer combinations for 6 years, accumulating 1.6 million miles and buses for 2 years, accumulating 100,000 miles. He holds a Class C operator's License from Alabama. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Terry G. Howard

Mr. Howard, 44, has had refractive amblyopia in his left eye since birth. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye 20/20 and in his left eye, 20/400. Following an examination in 2011, his optometrist noted, "In my medical opinion, Terry Howard has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Howard reported that he has driven tractor-trailer combinations for 4 years, accumulating 280,000 miles. He holds a Class D operator's license

from Kentucky. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

David M. Taylor

Mr. Taylor, 49, has a prosthetic left eye due to a traumatic injury since he was two years old. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye 20/120. Following an examination in 2011, his optometrist noted, "Dave has sufficient vision to perform the operation of commercial vehicles." Mr. Taylor reported that he has driven straight trucks for 6 years, accumulating 510,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Missouri. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. The Agency will consider all comments received before the close of business November 30, 2011. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Agency will file comments received after the comment closing date in the public docket, and will consider them to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should monitor the public docket for new material.

Issued on: October 17, 2011.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and

approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** solicited comments on the following collection of information was published on July 15, 2011, and comments were due by September 13, 2011. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 30, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Gearhart, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-1867; or email: beth.gearhart@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Shipbuilding Orderbook and Shipyard Employment.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0029.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners of U.S. shipyards who agree to complete the requested information.

Forms: MA-832.

Abstract: MARAD collects this information from the shipbuilding and ship repair industry primarily to determine if an adequate mobilization base exists for national defense and for use in a national emergency.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 400.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* MARAD Desk Officer. Alternatively, comments may be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: oira.submissions@omb.eop.gov.

Comments Are Invited On: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

By the Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: October 25, 2011.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2011 0140]

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) intentions to request approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a new information collection entitled, "the Maritime Administration's Panama Canal Expansion Study Outreach Program." This program is being implemented as part of MARAD's comprehensive study of the 2014 Panama Canal Expansion (Study) and its anticipated impacts on U.S. Ports and infrastructure.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before December 30, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Yvette M. Fields, Director, Office of Deepwater Ports and Offshore Activities, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W21-309, Washington, DC 20590, Telephone: (202) 366-0926 or Email: Yvette.Fields@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Maritime Administration's Panama Canal Expansion Study Outreach Program.

Type of Request: New Collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-NEW.

Forms: Shipper Survey.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by OMB.

Summary of Collection of Information: This three-tiered information collection process will directly support MARAD's efforts to evaluate and assess the impacts of the Panama Canal Expansion on U.S. Ports and infrastructure when the project is completed in 2014. First, a series of up to five (5) public meetings (Listening Sessions) will be conducted to provide a forum for stakeholders to present their

views on the issues that MARAD should consider in the development of the Study and to assess the various infrastructure requirements that will be associated with future trade involving the Panama Canal. Second, one-on-one interviews will be conducted with approximately 80 key executives from various U.S. ports, port operators, manufacturers, and transportation service providers to identify their specific plans, investment strategies, and perspectives concerning market trends, which are a critical part of the subject of the Study. Finally, MARAD's on-line Panama Canal Shipper Survey will be conducted to garner information regarding the current decision processes used by "Beneficial Cargo Owners" to determine potential changes to their logistics networks and the contingency plans that have been developed (or will be developed) to address the potential impacts on their costs and routing strategies as a result of the Panama Canal Expansion.

Need and Use of the Information: The information obtained through this process will be used to present to Federal leaders considerations for policy, investment, and funding options as well as recommendations for policy changes that will favorably impact the overall shift in the Nation's trade patterns.

Description of Respondents: Ports and Port Operators, Manufacturers, Service Providers, Shippers, (Railroad/Trucking/Third Party Logistics [3PLs]), Investors and Investment Institutions, Industry Associations, Academic/Research Institutions and State and local governmental planning and development agencies.

Annual Responses: 1,480 responses.

Annual Burden: 4,075 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 W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for the 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. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version