perform other municipal securities activities in a competent manner, so no delay in the effective date of the Rule G–3 changes is appropriate.

The Commission has carefully considered the commenter’s concerns about the MSRB’s proposed changes to the licensing requirements for associated persons of brokers, dealers or municipal securities dealers for municipal securities activities other than sales to customers, the scope of the “grandfather” provisions, and the effective date of the proposed rule change, and does not believe the proposed changes are inconsistent with the Exchange Act.

IV. Discussion and Commission Findings

The Commission has carefully considered the proposed rule change, the comment letter received, and the MSRB’s response to the comment letter and finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the MSRB.8 The Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act, which authorizes the MSRB to prescribe “standards of training, experience, competence, and such other qualifications as the Board finds necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors and municipal entities or obligated persons.” Section 15B(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act also provides that the Board may appropriately classify municipal securities brokers, municipal securities dealers, and municipal advisors and persons associated with municipal securities brokers, municipal securities dealers, and municipal advisors and require persons in any such class to pass tests prescribed by the Board.

The proposed rule change is also consistent with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act in that the proposed rule change will ensure that individuals seeking to engage in more than sales activities will be tested on their qualification and competency to engage in such other municipal securities activities. These individuals will be required to pass an examination that includes questions both on municipal securities and the municipal markets and on U.S. government, Federal agency and other financial instruments, economic activity, government policy, factors affecting interest rates, and applicable Federal securities laws and regulations. The proposed rule change will also more closely align the information dealers are required to obtain pursuant to Rule G–7 with the information already required by FINRA and the bank regulators, thereby reducing the administrative burden on such dealers.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,9 that the proposed rule change (SR–MSRB–2011–17) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.10

Kevin M. O’Neill.

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority: 304–1]

Delegation by the Secretary of State to the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security of Authority To Submit Certain Non-Proliferation Reports to Congress

By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Secretary of State, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a), the authorities enumerated below, and Executive Order 13346, I hereby delegate to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, to the extent authorized by law, the authority to approve submission of reports to Congress pursuant to:

(1) Section 1344 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law 207–228;
(2) Section 2809(c)(2) of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105–277;
(3) Section 1343(a) of the Iran Nuclear Proliferation Prevent Act of 2002 (incorporated in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003), Public Law 107–228;
(4) Section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and Section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);
(5) Section 1308(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for FY 2003, Public Law 107–228;
(6) Determination and Congressional Reporting Requirement Concerning Israeli Participation in the IAEA required by the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006, Title II of Public Law 109–102; and
(7) Certification consistent with section 2(7)(C)(i) of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention adopted by the Senate on April 24, 1997, with respect to the effectiveness and viability of the Australia Group.

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure, as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, or the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources may at any time exercise any authority or function delegated by this delegation or authority.

This Delegation of authority supersedes Delegation of Authority 304, dated February 16, 2006, and shall be published in the Federal Register.


Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary


Proposed Information Collection Request; Notice of New Requirements and Procedures for Grant Payment Request Submission

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The DOT invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposed information collection concerning new requirements and procedures for grant payment request submission. DOT will submit the proposed information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This notice sets forth new requirements and

8 In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c (f).


procedures for grantees that submit and receive payments from DOT Operating Administrations (OAs). DOT is updating systems that support grant payments and there will be changes to the way grantees complete and submit payment requests. Simplifying the DOT grant payment process will save both the grantee and the Federal Government time and expense that come with paper-based grant application and payment administration. Note: At this time, this requirement is not applicable to DOT grant grantees requesting payment electronically through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Grant Tracking System (GTS), the Federal Highway Administration’s Rapid Approval State Payment System (RASPS), or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant recipients requesting payment through the Electronic Clearing House Operation System (ECHO–Web).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 9, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to US Department of Transportation, Office of Financial Management, B–30, room W93–431, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–1306, DOTElectronicInvoicing@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Requirements and Procedures for Grant Payment Request Submission.

OMB Control Number: XXXX–XXXX.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Background: This notice sets forth requirements and procedures for grantees that receive payments from DOT OAs, with the exception of DOT OAs, requesting payment electronically through the NHTSA’s CTS, the FHWA’s RASPS, or FTA grant recipients requesting payment through the ECHO–Web. The proposed procedures provide that—

• Grantees will now be required to have electronic internet access to register in the Delphi invoicing system.
• Grantees will be required to submit payment requests electronically and

DOT OAs must process payment requests electronically.

• The identities of system users must be verified prior to receiving access to the Delphi invoicing system. Users must complete a user request form and provide the following information: Full name, work address, work phone number, work email address, home address and home phone number. Once completed, this form must be presented to a Notary Public for verification. Once notarized, the prospective grantee user will return the form to receive their login credentials.

• DOT Office of Financial Management officials may allow exceptions to the requirement that grantee register and submit payment requests through the Delphi invoicing system under limited circumstances. Recipients may apply for an exception by submitting an electronic Waiver Request Form to the DOT Office of Financial Management. The exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis via Waiver Request Form.

Affected Public: DOT Grant Recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 11,000.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 22,000 (initial registration only).

Frequency of Collection: One time.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Financial Management, B–30, Room W93–431, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–1306, DOTElectronicInvoicing@dot.gov.

Comments: Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the Department’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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 1, 2011.

David Rivait,

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration


Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 18