Work Program for 2008–2011, identifies long-term goals and specifies activities in four priority areas. The long-term goals are to achieve: (1) Compliance with obligations in Article 5 (Environment) of the U.S.-Jordan FTA; (2) improved protection and conservation of the environment, including natural resources; (3) transparency and meaningful public participation in environmental decision-making; and (4) a culture of environmental protection and compliance with environmental laws through, among other things, the promotion of economic opportunities, voluntary measures to enhance environmental performance, and job creation. The priority areas are: (1) Institutional and policy strengthening; (2) biodiversity conservation and improved management of protected areas; (3) improved private sector environmental performance; and (4) environmental education, transparency, and public participation in environmental decision-making and enforcement. For the 2012–2013 Work Program, we anticipate building upon the cooperative work initiated under the previous two plans, while focusing on creating green jobs and other economic opportunities that promote green growth and sustainable development.

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George N. Sibley,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Enabling a Secure Environment for Vehicle-to-Vehicle and Vehicle-to-Infrastructure Transactions Workshop; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Research and Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Intelligent Transportation System Joint Program Office (ITS JPO) will hold a free Policy Research Workshop on Enabling a Secure Environment for Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) and Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) Transactions on April 19–20, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street NW., Washington, DC 20036, 202–393–1000. This two-day workshop will give participants an opportunity to learn about and provide input into research being conducted on potential

organizational and business models for supporting security and data transaction needs for V2V and V2I crash avoidance and other applications. The workshop takes place mid-point for two related research efforts and will be structured primarily around breakout sessions for discussing critical issues and obtaining participant feedback. Final results of this research will be presented in August 2012 during the annual Connected Vehicle Safety public meeting and via other publicly available forums and on the ITS JPO Web site.

Persons planning to attend the workshop should register online no later than April 13, 2012 at *http://www.itsa.org/policyworkshop.* For additional questions, please contact Adam Hopps at *Ahopps@ITSA.org.*

About the Connected Vehicle Secure Environment

Establishing a secure trust environment among vehicles and other legitimate equipment is a key challenge for V2V and V2I crash avoidance and other applications. Currently a public key infrastructure approach to security involving the exchange of digital certificates among legitimate trusted vehicles and/or equipment is being analyzed and tested. USDOT's Connected Vehicle Policy Research Program is concerned with defining requirements to implement such a system on a national scale, including such questions as:

• What are the functional requirements for certificate exchange and other processes?

• What communications links and networks could support these requirements?

• What are the organizational requirements for supporting back end processes?

• What are estimated costs for supporting these requirements?

• What are potential business models for supporting such a network, to attract users and revenue to finance such a system?

• What do different approaches imply, in terms of potential levels of security protection?

• What do different ownership options imply?

• How could the certificate management system be rolled out across the nation over time?

• Are there opportunities to integrate needed functions into existing systems or organizations?

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Managing Director, ITS Joint Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0376]

Hours of Service of Drivers: Underwater Construction Corporation Application for Exemption

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

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA has received an application from the Underwater Construction Corporation (''UCC'') for an exemption for 165 of its drivers from the hours-of-service (HOS) record of duty status provision in 49 CFR 395.8 that requires every commercial motor vehicle driver to record his/her duty status for each 24 hour period using methods prescribed in that section. UCC claims that approximately 88 percent of its work is performed for utilities, and that such driving operations fall under the ''Utility Service Vehicle'' (USV) exemption in 49 CFR 395.1(n). UCC would like to use its payroll system, which it claims tracks an employee's time spent driving and working, to record drivers' record of duty status for driving operations not covered by the USV exemption. UCC states that if granted an exemption from 49 CFR 395.8, it would continue to track employee hours through its payroll system to ensure compliance with the HOS rules. UCC believes its payroll system provides a reliable proactive approach to tracking employee hours.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA–2011–0376 by any of the following methods:

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

• *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

• *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–