

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's EIDL declaration, applications for economic injury disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Hartford.

*Contiguous Counties:*

Connecticut: Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland.

Massachusetts: Hampden.

	Percent
The Interest Rates are:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ...	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 130240.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Connecticut, Massachusetts.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59002)

Dated: February 29, 2012.

**Karen G. Mills,**  
*Administrator.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Notice of Meeting of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11)

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of a Partially Opened Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will be opened to the public from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2012, unless otherwise notified.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Herbert C. Humphrey Building, 1401

Constitution Avenue NW., Room 1412, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Hellstern, DFO for ITAC-11 at (202) 482-3222, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Agenda topics to be discussed are: U.S. Small Business Administration State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grants Process.

**Christine L. Turner,**

*Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2008-0244]

### Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew a collection. Currently, there are two Short Term Loan Program (STLP) applications: the "Short Term Lending Program Application for a New Loan Guarantee" and the "Application for Loan Guarantee Renewal". This collection renewal request includes one STLP application. The revised STLP application will be used for both new loan guarantee applicants and renewal loan guarantee applicants. The revised STLP application is a single, consolidated document that is easier to read and understand for all small business applicants. The information collected in the revised STLP application will determine the applicant's eligibility and is necessary to approve or deny a loan.

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by May 6, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments identified by Docket Number DOT-OST-2008-0244 by any of the following methods:

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

- **Agency Web Site:** <http://dms.dot.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

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

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** U.S.

Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Strine, Manager Financial Assistance Division, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W56-448, Washington, DC 20590. Phone number 202-366-5343, fax number 202-366-7228, Email address: [Nancy.Strine@dot.gov](mailto:Nancy.Strine@dot.gov). Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Short Term Lending Program Application for a Loan Guarantee.

**OMB Control No.:** 2105-0555.

**Background:** OSDBU's Short Term Lending Program (STLP) offers certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other certified Small Businesses (8a, women-owned, small disadvantaged, HUBZone, veteran owned, and service disabled veteran owned) the opportunity to obtain short term working capital at variable interest rates for transportation-related projects. The STLP provides Participating Lenders (PLs) a guarantee, up to 75%, on a revolving line of credit up to a \$750,000 maximum. These loans are provided through lenders that serve as STLP Participating Lenders (PLs). The term on the line of credit is up to one (1) year, which may be renewed for five (5) years. A potential or renewal STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package. The guaranteed loan application includes the STLP application, checklist, and instructions.

**Respondents:** Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other certified Small Businesses (8a, women-owned, small disadvantaged, HUBZone, veteran owned, and service disabled veteran owned) interested in financing their transportation-related contracts.

**DOT Form 2301-1(REV.1): Short Term Lending Program Application for**

**Loan Guarantee:** A potential or renewal STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package. The guaranteed loan application includes the STLP application and supporting documentation to be collected from the checklist in the application. The application may be obtained directly from OSDBU, the Regional Small Business Transportation Resource Centers, from a PL, or online from the agency's Web site, currently at <http://osdbu.dot.gov/documents/pdf/stlp/stlpapp.pdf>.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Once.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 2 hours.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200 hours.*

**Supporting documentation.** Required documentation shall include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- a. Business, trade, or job performance reference letters;
- b. DBE or other eligible certification letters;
- c. Aging report of receivables and payables;
- d. Business tax returns;
- e. Business financial statements;
- f. Personal income tax returns;
- g. Personal financial statements;
- h. Schedule of work in progress (WIP);
- i. Signed and dated copy of transportation-related contracts;
- j. Business debt schedule;
- k. Cash flow projections;
- l. Owner(s) and a key management resumes.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Once.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 12 hours.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1200 hours.*

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew a collection of the STLP Participating Lender (PL) forms. The collection involves the use of the "Short Term Lending Program Bank Verification Loan Activation Form"; "Short Term Lending Program Bank Acknowledgement Extension Request Form"; "Short Term Lending Program Bank Acknowledgement Loan Close-Out Form"; "Guaranty Loan Status Report"; "Pending Loan Status Report"; "Drug-Free Workplace Act Certification for a Grantee Other than an Individual"; "Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and

Cooperative Agreements"; "Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization U.S. Department of Transportation Short Term Lending Program Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension"; "Cooperative Agreement between the US Department of Transportation and the Participating Lender"; and "US Department of Transportation Office of Small and Disadvantaged Utilization Short Term Lending Program Guarantee Agreement". The information collected administers the loans guaranteed under the STLP. The information collected keeps the Participating Lender's (PLs) in compliance with the terms established in the Cooperative Agreement between DOT and the PLs.

*OMB Control No: 2105-0555.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Titles:** STLP—Participating Lender (PL) forms.

*OMB Control No.: 2105-0555.*

**Background:** STLP loans are provided through lenders that serve as STLP Participating Lenders (PL). The STLP provides PLs a guarantee, up to 75%, on a revolving line of credit up to a \$750,000 maximum. As part of the requirements for approval as a PL, lenders must submit the following certifications: Drug-Free Workplace Act Certification for a Grantee Other Than An Individual; Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, & Cooperative Agreement; Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization U.S. Department of Transportation Short Term Lending Program Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension. The STLP is subject to budgeting and accounting requirements of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (FCRA). The PL must carry out processes to activate, monitor, service and close out STLP loans. To fulfill the requirements of FCRA, the PL submits reports and the following forms to OSDBU.

**Respondents:** Participating Lenders that are in the process or have entered into cooperative agreements with DOT's OSDBU under 49 CFR Part 22 DOT-OST-2008-0236 entitled, "Short Term Lending Program".

**DOT Form 2303-1:** Short Term Lending Program Bank Verification Loan Activation Form. The PL must submit a Loan Activation Form to OSDBU that indicates the date in which the loan has been activated.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Annually, up to five years.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1/2 hour.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.*

**DOT Form 2310-1:** Short Term Lending Program Bank

Acknowledgement Extension Request Form. An extension of the original loan guarantee for a maximum period of ninety (90) days may be requested, in writing, by the PL using the STLP Extension Request Form.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Annually.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1/2 hour.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.*

**DOT Form 2304-1:** Short Term Lending Program Bank Acknowledgement Loan Close-Out Form. The PL must submit the Loan Close-Out Form to OSDBU upon full repayment of the STLP loan or when the loan guarantee expires.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Annually.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1/2 hour.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.*

**DOT Form 2305-1:** Guaranty Loan Status Report. The PL submits a monthly status of active guaranteed loans to OSDBU.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Monthly.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.*

**DOT Form 2306-1:** Pending Loan Status Report. The PL submits a monthly loan(s) in process report to OSDBU.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Monthly.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.*

**DOT Form 2307-1:** Drug-Free Workplace Act Certification for a Grantee Other than an Individual. The PL certifies it is a drug-free workplace by executing this certification.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Once.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25 hours.*

**DOT Form 2308-1:** Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreement. The PL certifies that no Federal funds will be utilized for lobbying by executing this form.

*Respondents: 100.*

*Frequency: Once.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25 hours.*

DOT Form 2309-1. Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Short Term Lending Program  
Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension. The PL must not currently be debarred or suspended from participation in a government contract or delinquent on a government debt by submitting this form.

**Respondents:** 100.

**Frequency:** Once.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 15 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 25 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 6, 2012.

**Brandon Neal,**

*Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Approval of Noise Compatibility Program for W.K. Airport, Battle Creek, MI

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program submitted by the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (formerly the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 150 (hereinafter referred to as "Part 150"). On November 1, 2011, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On February 16, 2012, the FAA approved the W.K. Kellogg Airport noise compatibility program. All of the recommendations of the program were approved. No program elements relating to new or revised flight procedures for noise abatement were proposed by the airport operator.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Noise Compatibility Program for W.K. Kellogg Airport is February 16, 2012.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katherine S. Delaney, 11677 S. Wayne Road, Suite 107, Romulus, Michigan; Email: [Katherine.S.Delaney@faa.gov](mailto:Katherine.S.Delaney@faa.gov); Phone: 734-229-2900. Documents

reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the Noise Compatibility Program for W.K. Kellogg Airport, effective February 16, 2012.

Under section 47504 of the Act, an airport operator who has previously submitted a Noise Exposure Map may submit to the FAA a Noise Compatibility Program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing non-compatible land uses and prevention of additional non-compatible land uses within the area covered by the Noise Exposure Maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and the Act and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The Noise Compatibility Program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in Part 150, section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the

acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required. Prior to an FAA decision on a request to implement the action, an environmental review of the proposed action may be required. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program or a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA under applicable law contained in Title 49 U.S.C. Where federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports District Office in Romulus, Michigan.

The W.K. Kellogg Airport study contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from 2009 to the year 2015. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a Noise Compatibility Program as described in section 47504 of the Act. The FAA began its review of the program on November 1, 2011 and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new or modified flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program, seven proposed actions for noise abatement, noise mitigation, land use planning and program management on and off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program was approved by the FAA, effective February 16, 2012.

Outright approval was granted for seven specific program measures. The measures that were approved were for voluntary acquisition of residential units within the 65 DNL; sound attenuate eligible existing homes within the 65 DNL; construct a ground run-up enclosure; recommend jurisdictions implement land use controls; develop/ implement a fly quiet program; continue the study input committee; and review and update the Part 150 Study as needed.

These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval signed by the Great Lakes Airports Division Manager on February 16, 2012. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents