collection and supporting documents to PassportSurvey@state.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: The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act calls for the Secretary of Homeland Security, along with the Secretary of State, to develop and implement a plan that requires sufficient documentation of citizenship and identity to be shown when entering the United States. The requirement above, along with other socio-demographic variables has left the future demand for U.S. Passport products as undefined. The ambiguity of passport demand has resulted in Passport Services having an urgent need to obtain regular statistical data on issues that focus on and are related to passport applications and travel. In support of these efforts, Passport Services will conduct monthly forecasts of passport demand. The data gathered from the Passport Demand Forecasting Study Phase III will be used to monitor, assess, and forecast passport demand on a continuous basis.

Methodology: Passport Services is conducting a Passport Demand Forecast Study that will include monthly survey to collect data from a national representative sample of U.S. Citizens, Nationals and any other categories of individuals that are entitled to a U.S. Passport product using multiple methodologies. Methodologies can include mail, web/internet, telephone, and mixed-mode surveys to ensure that Passport Services reaches the appropriate audience and leverages the best research method to obtain valid responses. The survey data will cover an estimated 48,000 respondents annually and will include topics covering passport demand, travel, and socio-demographic variables of interest to the United States Department of State.

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Barry J. Conway,
Managing Director, Passport Support Operations, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7951]
Notice of Receipt of Application for Presidential Permit for the Construction of a New International Trade Crossing (NITC)

The Department of State hereby gives notice that on June 21, 2012, it received an application from the State of Michigan for a permit authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of a new international road bridge that would connect Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and Windsor, Essex County, Ontario, Canada. The proposed bridge crossing would span approximately 2,800 feet or 0.53 miles. Landing in the Delray area of Detroit, it would include a plaza for inspection facilities, and a new interchange with Interstate 75. The application was filed by the State of Michigan, which would own the U.S. portion of the bridge. The bridge would be constructed, operated, and maintained by a new Crossing Authority, a Canadian corporation, acting through a concessionaire under a Public Private Partnership agreement. Michigan would grant a lease or another property interest to the Crossing Authority for these purposes.

The Department’s jurisdiction with respect to this application is based upon Executive Order 11423, dated August 16, 1968, as amended, and the International Bridge Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–343, 86 Stat. 731, approved September 26, 1972). As required by E.O. 11423, the Department will circulate this application to concerned agencies for comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies and other stakeholders, whether issuance of a Presidential permit for this proposed bridge would be in the U.S. national interest.

Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this application on or before August 9, 2012 via email at NITCComments@state.gov. The Presidential permit application can be viewed online at http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/.

Dated: July 5, 2012.

Elizabeth L. Martinez,
Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7950]
Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Summary: The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at 1777 F Street NW., Washington, DC. Entry and registration will begin at 1 p.m. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade representatives, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study. Agenda topics will be posted on the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls’ Web site, at www.pmddtc.state.gov approximately 10 days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public may attend this open session and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chair’s instructions. Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

As seating is limited to 125 persons, those wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Alternate Designated Federal Officer (DFO) by COB Friday, July 20, 2012. Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodation must also notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by that date. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat will be unable to accommodate requests due to security requirements at the meeting location. A person requesting reasonable accommodation should notify the Alternate DFO by the same date.

Each non-member observer or DTAG member that wishes to attend this plenary session should provide: His/her name; company or organizational affiliation; phone number; date of birth; and identifying data such as driver’s license number, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, to the DTAG Alternate DFO, Patricia Slygh, via email at SlyghPC@state.gov. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the
meeting: U.S. driver’s license, passport, U.S. Government ID or other valid photo ID. Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who attend Department functions.

For additional information, contact Patricia Slygh, PM/DDTC, SA–1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522–0112; telephone (202) 663–2830; FAX (202) 261–8199; or email SlyghPC@state.gov.

Robert S. Kovac,
Designated Federal Officer, Defense Trade Advisory Group, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No FMCSA–2011–0097]

Pilot Program on NAFTA Trucking Provisions

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

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces and requests public comment on data and information concerning the Pre-Authorization Safety Audit (PASA) for José Guadalupe Morales Guevara (DBA Fletes Morales) which applied to participate in the Agency’s long-haul pilot program to test and demonstrate the ability of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate safely in the United States beyond the municipalities in the United States on the United States-Mexico international border or the commercial zones of such municipalities.

This action is required by the “U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007” and all subsequent appropriations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA–2011–0097 by any one of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

– Mail: Docket Management Facility, (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room 228–1340, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
– Hand Delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. See the “Public Participation” heading below for instructions on submitting comments and additional information.

Note that all comments received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov. Please see the “Privacy Act” heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT Headquarters Building at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s Privacy Act System of Records Notice for the DOT Federal Docket Management System published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 33316), or you may visit http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E08–373.pdf.

Public Participation: The http://www.regulations.gov Web site is generally available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can get electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the “help” section of the http://www.regulations.gov Web site. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket, and will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcelo Perez, FMCSA, North American Borders Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Telephone (512) 916–5440 Ext. 228; email marcelo.perez@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 25, 2007, the President signed into law the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (the Act), (Pub. L. 110–28, 121 Stat. 112, 183, May 25, 2007). Section 6901 of the Act requires that certain actions be taken by the Department of Transportation (the Department) as a condition of obligating or expending appropriated funds to grant authority to Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate beyond the municipalities in the United States on the United States-Mexico international border or the commercial zones of such municipalities (border commercial zones).

On July 8, 2011, FMCSA announced in the Federal Register [76 FR 40420] its intent to proceed with the initiation of a U.S.–Mexico cross-border long-haul trucking pilot program to test and demonstrate the ability of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate safely in the United States beyond the border commercial zones as detailed in the Agency’s April 13, 2011, Federal Register notice [76 FR 20807]. The pilot program is a part of FMCSA’s implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) cross-border long-haul trucking provisions in compliance with section 6901(b)(2)(B) of the Act. FMCSA reviewed, assessed, and evaluated the required safety measures as noted in the July 8, 2011, notice and considered all comments received on or before May 13, 2011, in response to the April 13, 2011, notice. Additionally, to the extent practicable, FMCSA considered comments received after May 13, 2011.

In accordance with section 6901(b)(2)(B)(i) of the Act, FMCSA is required to publish in the Federal Register, and provide sufficient opportunity for public notice and comment comprehensive data and information on the PASAs conducted of motor carriers domiciled in Mexico that are granted authority to operate beyond the border commercial zones. This notice serves to fulfill this requirement.

FMCSA is publishing for public comment the data and information relating to one PASA that was completed on February 10, 2012. FMCSA announces that the Mexico-domiciled motor carrier in Table 1 successfully completed the PASA. Notice of this completion was also published in the FMCSA Register. Tables 2, 3, and 4 all titled (“Successful Pre-Authorization Safety Audit (PASA) Information”) set out