

U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of OKLAHOMA, dated 08/22/2012 is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to 11/21/2012.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #13317 and #13318]

**Alabama Disaster Number AL-00044**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Alabama (FEMA-4082-DR), dated 09/21/2012.

*Incident:* Hurricane Isaac.

*Incident Period:* 08/26/2012 through 09/05/2012.

*Effective Date:* 10/03/2012.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/20/2012.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan*

*Application Deadline Date:* 06/21/2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**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:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Alabama, dated 09/21/2012, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

*Primary Counties:* Covington, Dallas, Geneva, Monroe, Perry.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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**Joseph P. Loddo,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**SBIR/STTR Phase I to Phase II Transition Benchmarks**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs Phase I to Phase II Transition Benchmarks.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Phase I to Phase II transition rate benchmarks for the 11 participating agencies for public comment. The rates are the minimum required ratio of past Phase II to Phase I awards that an awardee firm must maintain to be eligible for a new Phase I award from a particular agency. This requirement is described in Section 4(a) of the SBIR Policy Directive and the STTR Policy Directive which implements section 5165 of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 17, 2012 and when published on [www.sbir.gov](http://www.sbir.gov).

*Comment Date:* Comments to this notice must be received on or before November 15, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice may be submitted to Edsel Brown, Jr., Assistant Director, Office of Innovation, Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416; telephone (202) 205-6450; email ([Technology@sba.gov](mailto:Technology@sba.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edsel Brown, Jr., Assistant Director, Office of Innovation, Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416; telephone (202) 205-6450; email ([Technology@sba.gov](mailto:Technology@sba.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4(a)(3)(iii) of the SBIR Policy Directive, which was published on August 6, 2012, at 77 FR 46806 and the STTR Policy Directive, which was published the same day at 77 FR 46855, requires each agency to establish an SBA-approved Phase I-Phase II Transition Rate benchmark. The Phase I-Phase II Transition Rate benchmark sets, for each agency, the minimum required number of Phase II awards the applicant must have received for a given number of Phase I awards during a specified period. If an applicant has won prior SBIR/STTR awards, and does not meet the benchmark rate of the agency to which it is applying, the applicant is not eligible for an SBIR or STTR Phase I award from that agency for a period of one year from the date of submission of the proposal or application. A firm's Phase II transition rate is calculated over a specified 5, 10, or 15 year period, as the ratio of previous Phase II awards to previous Phase I awards, expressed as a percentage. Each of the participating agencies has selected a rate and time period. These are presented below in Table 1.

SBA has reviewed and approved these benchmarks. However, § 5165 of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011 requires SBA to publish, at least 60 days before becoming effective, each agency's system and minimum performance standard, and each approval by SBA. SBA will review all comments received in response to this notice and issue the final transition rates within 60 days of the date this notice is published. These rates will be available at [www.sbir.gov](http://www.sbir.gov).

TABLE 1

Agency	Benchmark rate (Phase II/Phase I)	Length of period (years)
Department of Agriculture .....	0.25	5
Department of Commerce (National Institute of Standards and Technology) .....	0.25	5
Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) .....	0.25	5
Department of Defense .....	0.25	5
Department of Education .....	0.25	10
Department of Energy .....	0.25	5

TABLE 1—Continued

Agency	Benchmark rate (Phase II/Phase I)	Length of period (years)
Department of Health and Human Services .....	0.25	5
Department of Homeland Security .....	0.25	5
Department of Transportation .....	0.45	5
Environmental Protection Agency .....	0.25	10
National Aeronautics and Space Administration .....	0.25	5
National Science Foundation .....	0.25	5

For greater detail on the Phase I to Phase II transition rates, see Section 4(a)(3)(iii) of the SBIR Policy Directive and the STTR Policy Directive. [[www.sbir.gov/node/379093](http://www.sbir.gov/node/379093)]

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 638(9).

Sean J. Greene,

Associate Administrator for Investment and Innovation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0282]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemption from the diabetes mellitus requirement; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 14 individuals for exemption from the prohibition against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals with ITDM to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 15, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0282 using any of the following methods:

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

- *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:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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

**Instructions:** Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Elaine M. Papp, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto: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.” The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The 14 individuals listed in this notice have recently requested such an exemption from the diabetes prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by the statutes.

**Qualifications of Applicants**

*Darrell G. Brave*

Mr. Brave, age 61, has had ITDM since 2006. His endocrinologist examined him in 2012 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Brave understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Brave meets the vision requirements of 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2012 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class C operator's license from Washington.

*Joseph A. Capille*

Mr. Capille, 56, has had ITDM since 2012. His endocrinologist examined him in 2012 and certified that he has had no