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We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this proposed rule based on your comments. FMCSA may issue a final rule at any time after the close of the comment period.

#### Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, and to submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA–2009–0289; FMCSA–2009–0290; FMCSA–2011–0300; FMCSA–2013–0190; FMCSA–2013–0191 and click “Search.” Next, click “Open Docket Folder” and you will find all documents and comments related to the proposed rulemaking.

Issued on: December 15, 2015.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA 2015–0461]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Emergency Revision of a Currently-Approved Information Collection: Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR)

described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval. The FMCSA seeks emergency approval to revise an ICR titled, “Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority,” that is used by for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities, motor passenger carriers, freight forwarders, property brokers, and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to register their operations with the FMCSA.

**DATES:** Please send your comments to this notice by January 29, 2016. OMB must receive your comments by this date to act quickly on the ICR.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2015–0461. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov), faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeff Secrist, Office of Registration and Safety Information, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building, 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Telephone: 202–385–2367; email [jeff.secrist@dot.gov](mailto:jeff.secrist@dot.gov). Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126–0016.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently-approved information collection.

*Respondents:* Motor carriers, motor passenger carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,413.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours to complete Form OP–1 (MX); and 2 hours to complete Forms OP–1, OP–1(FF), OP–1(P) and OP–1(NNA).

*Expiration Date:* October 31, 2018.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (as needed).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 24,853 hours [74,464 hours for Year 1 + 48 hours for Year 2 + 48 hours for Year 3 = 74,560 hours/3 year approval for ICR = 24,853 estimated average number of annual burden hours].

*Background:* The FMCSA is authorized to register certain for-hire Mexico-domiciled long-haul motor carriers of regulated commodities under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902 and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) motor carrier access provision. The Form OP–1(MX) is used by FMCSA to register those Mexico-domiciled motor carriers. It requests information on the applicant’s identity, location, familiarity with safety requirements, and type of proposed operations.

FMCSA published a Final Rule titled, “Unified Registration System,” (78 FR 52608), dated August 23, 2013, that would incorporate all registration form requirements included in this ICR, except the Form OP–1(MX), into the Form MCSA–1 in the OMB Control Number 2126–0051, “FMCSA Registration/Updates,” ICR effective October 23, 2015. The Form OP–1(MX) was excluded from the Form MCSA–1 because its information collection requirements are beyond the scope of the Unified Registration System Final Rule. On October 5, 2015, FMCSA obtained OMB approval to eliminate all of the registration forms except the Form OP–1(MX) from this ICR.

This emergency ICR revision request is due to a Final Rule titled “Unified Registration System,” (80 FR 63695) dated October 21, 2015, which changed the effective and compliance dates of the 2013 Final Rule from October 23, 2015, to September 30, 2016. This change in the effective and compliance dates from the 2013 Final Rule is required to allow FMCSA additional time to complete the information technology (IT) systems work required to fully implement that rule. As a result, FMCSA seeks emergency approval to continue using the Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority Forms (OP–1(NNA), OP–1(FF), OP–1, and OP–1(P)) through September 30, 2016, as these forms will be needed to support registration requirements.

*Public Comments Invited:* FMCSA requests that you comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for FMCSA to perform its functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information, and (4) ways that the

burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued under the authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.87 on: December 22, 2015.

**G. Kelly Regal,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2015-0255]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Information Collection(s): Voluntary Web-Based Questionnaire of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Firms

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for the utilization of the Voluntary Web-Based Questionnaire of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Firms. The questionnaire will be for the use of firms certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). DBE's that choose to participate will be asked to provide information regarding the nature of their business and bidding history, and perceived barriers/challenges that may have prevented them from receiving a contract or successfully competing in DOT's DBE program. A link to the survey will be made available by DOT's Departmental Office of Civil Rights for use by the Department's state and local recipients, which can in turn post this link on their own Web sites. The information collected will be used to assist DOT in measuring whether the DBE program is achieving its objectives.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 29, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2015-XXXX] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc D. Pentino, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, 20590; 202-366-4648; [marc.pentino@dot.gov](mailto:marc.pentino@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* XXXX-NEW.

*Title:* Voluntary Web-Based Questionnaire of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Firms.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* OMB Approval.

*Background:* The DOT's Operating Administrations distribute substantial funds each year to finance construction projects initiated by state and local governments, public transit and airport agencies. The DOT has the important responsibility of ensuring that firms competing for DOT-assisted contracts for these projects are not disadvantaged by unlawful discrimination. The DOT's most important tool for meeting this requirement has been its DBE program, which originally began in 1980 as a minority/women's business enterprise program established by regulation under the authority of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination statutes that apply to DOT financial assistance programs. The DBE program was reauthorized by Congress several times since its inception; most recently in the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

Act" or the "MAP-21," (Pub. L. 112-141, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 405), which funded surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit at over \$105 billion for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Section 1101(b) of the Act describes Congress's findings regarding the continued need for the DBE program due to the discrimination and related barriers that pose significant obstacles for minority and women-owned businesses seeking federally-assisted surface transportation work. The information requested will assist DOT in measuring whether the DBE program is achieving its objectives to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly or assist in the development of DBE firms to compete successfully in the marketplace.

*Respondents:* There are approximately 33,000 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the United States. Responses from this pool of businesses will vary due to the voluntary nature of the collection.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* The DOT estimates less than 10% of firms will submit information, or approximately 3,000 businesses.

*Estimated Total Burden on Respondents:* 10 minutes per respondent.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of DOT's DBE program; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. All responses to the notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 10, 2015.

**Stephanie Jones,**

*Senior Counselor to the Secretary, Chief Opportunities Officer, and Acting Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights.*

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