

FTA requests public comment on this proposed General Directive, which is available in its entirety on the FTA public Web site at <http://www.transit.dot.gov/tso.html> and in Docket No. FTA-2016-0041 at www.regulations.gov. Following a summary and analysis of the public comment, FTA will issue a final General Directive, and a notice of the availability of that final General Directive in the **Federal Register**, with a Web link to the agency's responses to the public comment.

Carolyn Flowers,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0154; Notice No. 2016-23]

Hazardous Materials: Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on Information Collection Approvals.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval and extension for four Information Collection Requests (ICRs). Specifically, this notice announces the following: OMB approval and extension until February 28, 2018 for OMB Control No. 2137-0586, "Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training & Planning Grants"; OMB approval and extension until March 31, 2019 for OMB Control No. 2137-0628, "Flammable Hazardous Materials by Rail Transportation"; and OMB approval and extension until June 30, 2019 for both OMB Control No. 2137-0613, "Subsidiary Hazard Class and Number/Type of Packagings," and OMB Control No. 2137-0510, "Radioactive (RAM) Transportation Requirements."

DATES: The expiration dates for the ICRs approved by OMB are February 28, 2018; March 31, 2019; or June 30, 2019, as indicated under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (PHH-12), Pipeline and

Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (PHH-12), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(s)) and specify that no person is required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA has received OMB approval for renewal of the following ICRs:

OMB Control Number: 2137-0586.
Title: "Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training & Planning Grants."
Expiration Date: February 28, 2018.
OMB Control Number: 2137-0628.
Title: "Flammable Hazardous Materials by Rail Transportation."
Expiration Date: March 31, 2019.
OMB Control Number: 2137-0613.
Title: "Subsidiary Hazard Class and Number/Type of Packagings."
Expiration Date: June 30, 2019.
OMB Control Number: 2137-0510.
Title: "Radioactive (RAM) Transportation Requirements."
Expiration Date: June 30, 2019.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2017.

William S. Schoonover,

Associate Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Solicitation of Proposals for Designation of Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to designate Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers.

SUMMARY: *Beyond Traffic* is the Department of Transportation's ("DOT" or the "Department") draft 30-year framework for the future (the full report

can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/BeyondTraffic>). It lays out key trends that will affect the future of our transportation system. To further this understanding, the DOT is requesting proposals from applicants to form an initial network of multiple centers, focused—through academic activities and programs—on delivering solutions to the challenges outlined in *Beyond Traffic*. These entities will be designated as "USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers" and will serve as thought leaders responsible for continuing the conversation surrounding the future of transportation. USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Center activities could include identifying possible solutions in their megaregion (*Beyond Traffic*, p. 25), including but not limited to: Evaluating and researching new technologies relevant to tackling transportation challenges with the megaregion, identification and development of training approaches for the megaregion's future transportation workforce, and convening practitioners, public and private leaders within the megaregion to help identify specific actions that can be taken in the megaregion to address its challenges over the 30 years.

DATES: Proposals must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on December 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Final proposals must not exceed 4 pages in length, and must be submitted electronically to: BeyondTraffic@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, please contact BeyondTraffic@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is requesting applications to be designated as a USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Center. Read this notice in its entirety so that you have all the information you need to determine whether you would like to submit a proposal.

Description: In the enabling legislation that established the DOT, the Secretary of Transportation is vested with the responsibility to report on current and future conditions of our transportation system. With the Nation's transportation system experiencing repeated impacts due to population growth, changes in climate, a stressed freight network, and inaction to address these impacts, such a discourse could not come at a more crucial time. *Beyond Traffic 2045: Trends and Choices* has been developed by a team of Departmental experts, with input from the public, to conduct a comprehensive examination of our Nation's transportation system. In the fall of

2015, Secretary Foxx and his team travelled to eleven emerging megaregions to solicit feedback on the draft report. Specifically, communities provided feedback on the gaps in opportunity exacerbated by disparities in transportation access and past infrastructure decisions. The designated USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers will help to continue this conversation in their respective megaregions, including, but not limited to: Evaluating and researching new technologies relevant to tackling transportation challenges with the megaregion, identification and development of training approaches for the megaregion's future transportation workforce, and convening practitioners, public and private leaders with the megaregion to help identify specific actions that can be taken in the megaregion to address its challenges over the 30 years. For this purpose, the DOT is seeking applications from eligible entities that would like to be designated as a USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Center. The Centers will form a community of forward-thinking researchers, students, and thought leaders who can help drive our Nation's transportation systems forward by addressing the following questions:

- How will we move? How will we build a transportation system to accommodate a growing population and changing travel patterns?
- How will we move things? How will we reduce freight chokepoints that drive up the cost of owning a business?
- How will we move better? How will we knock down barriers to new technologies that promise to make travel safer and more convenient?
- How will we adapt? How will we make our infrastructure resilient to more frequent catastrophic weather events?
- How will we grow opportunity for all Americans?
- How will we align decisions and dollars, and invest the trillions of dollars our transportation system needs in the smartest way possible?

USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers will be recognized by the Department of Transportation as forward-thinking and influential institutions that are capable of driving solutions to the challenges identified in *Beyond Traffic*, through research, curriculum, outreach, and other activities.

Designation Decisions: The Secretary of Transportation will make all designations under this notice. A designation as a USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Center is not an award of Federal financial assistance.

Eligibility Information: The following entities are eligible for designation as a USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Center. Individuals are not eligible for designation under this notice. The Department actively encourages the inclusion of minority-serving institutions. Eligible entities include:

- U.S. non-profit institutions of higher education as defined under 20 U.S.C. 1001(a). Non-profit institutions of higher education may include qualifying two-year institutions that meet the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1001(a). This includes existing and future University Transportation Centers and applicants.
- Non-profit organizations described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary of Transportation will make all designations. Selections will be based on the applicant's submittal in response to the information required immediately below:

Applications must include the following:

- Commitment to continuing the conversation launched by *Beyond Traffic*, as demonstrated through a clear action plan for furthering these ideas, such as transportation solutions for their megaregion, including, but not limited to: Evaluating and researching new technologies relevant to tackling transportation challenges with the megaregion, identification and development of training approaches for the megaregion's future transportation workforce, and convening practitioners, public and private leaders with the megaregion to help identify specific actions that can be taken in the megaregion to address its challenges over the 30 years. A designated *Beyond Traffic* Coordinator who will commit to participating in future events related to megaregion development with USDOT must be named as part of the application.

DOT will also consider the following:

- The extent to which the applicant demonstrates the commitment outlined above and administers an established academic or outreach program.
- The capability of the applicant to provide leadership in making national and regional contributions to the conversation around the future of our transportation system.
- The applicant's ability and willingness to maintain a working relationship with the Department's relevant research program offices. The application should describe this proposed relationship, including

aspects such as potential participation in conferences, meetings, joint research efforts, and submission of activity reports to the DOT on a routine basis.

- The extent to which the State or locality in which the applicant is located can provide applicable solutions for the broader region and surrounding corridor for improved mobility through the advancement of emerging technologies.

- The demonstrated research and extension resources available to the applicant for carrying out activities and programs as they relate to *Beyond Traffic*.

Review And Selection Process: DOT will review all applications received by the deadline. The designation review and selection process consists of two phases: Eligibility & Technical Review and Senior Review. In the Eligibility & Technical Review phase, DOT staff will (1) ensure that the applicant is eligible (see Eligibility Information section) and (2) assess the applicant's ability to meet the mandatory criteria and one or more of the other Selection Criteria enumerated above. In the Senior Review phase, which includes senior leadership from DOT, specific applications may be advanced to the Secretary for selection. In making recommendations, the Senior Review team may seek to ensure the inclusion of minority-serving institutions. The Secretary may select from applications advanced by the Senior Review team for designations.

Designation Notice: The Secretary will announce designations by posting a list of USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers at www.transportation.gov/BeyondTraffic. The Department anticipates that the selection of the initial USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers will be completed during the first quarter of calendar year 2017. The Department may make additional designations on an annual basis or as deemed appropriate.

Designation Agency Contacts: For further information concerning this notice, please contact the Department via email at BeyondTraffic@dot.gov.

Other Information: All information submitted as part of or in support of any application shall use publicly available data or data that can be made public and methodologies that are accepted by industry practice and standards, to the extent possible. If the application includes information you consider to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, the applicant should do the following: (1) Note on the front cover that the submission "Contains Confidential Business Information (CBI)"; (2) mark each affected page "CBI"; and (3)

highlight or otherwise denote the CBI portions. DOT protects such information from disclosure to the extent allowed under applicable law. In the event DOT receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, DOT will follow the procedures described in its FOIA regulations at 49 CFR 7.17. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under that procedure will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Dated: December 6, 2016.

Anthony R. Foxx,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13224

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of 4 individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism."

DATES: OFAC's actions described in this notice were effective on January 10, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202/622-2420, Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202/622-2490, Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202/622-2480, Office of Foreign Assets Control, or Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), tel.: 202/622-2410, Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury (not toll free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available from OFAC's Web site (www.treas.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On January 10, 2017, OFAC blocked the property and interests in property of the following 4 individuals pursuant to E.O. 13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons

Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism":

Individuals

1. SHARROUF, Khaled (a.k.a. ZARQAWI AL AUSTR, Abu; a.k.a. ZARQAWI AUSTRALI, Abu; a.k.a. ZARQAWI, Abu), Syria; Iraq; DOB 23 Feb 1981; POB Auburn, New South Wales, Australia; nationality Australia; Gender Male; Passport L3135591 (Australia); alt. Passport L5210356 (Australia); alt. Passport N723649 (Australia); Driver's License No. 12789234 (Australia) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT).

2. PRAKASH, Neil Christopher (a.k.a. KHALED AL-CAMBODI, Abu), Syria; Iraq; DOB 07 May 1991; POB Melbourne, Australia; nationality Australia; Gender Male; Passport N4325853 (Australia) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT).

3. ROCHMAN, Oman (a.k.a. ABDULROHMAN, Oman; a.k.a. ABDURAHMAN, Aman; a.k.a. ABDURRACHMAN, Aman; a.k.a. ABDURRAHMAN AL-ARKHABILIY, Abu Sulaiman Aman; a.k.a. ABDURRAHMAN, Aman; a.k.a. ABDURRAHMAN, Oman; a.k.a. RAHMAN, Aman Abdul; a.k.a. RAHMAN, Oman), Pasir Putih Prison, Nusa Kambangan Island, Indonesia; DOB 05 Jan 1972; POB Sumedang, Indonesia; nationality Indonesia; Gender Male; Ustadz (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT).

4. USMAN, Bachrumsyah Mennor (a.k.a. SYAH, Bahrum; a.k.a. "BACHRUMSHAH"; a.k.a. "BACHRUMSYAH"; a.k.a. "BAHRUMSYAH"; a.k.a. "IBRAHIM, Abu"; a.k.a. "MUHAMMAD AL-ANDUNISIY, Abu"; a.k.a. "MUHAMMAD AL-INDONESI, Abu"; a.k.a. "MUHAMMAD AL-INDUNISI, Abu"; a.k.a. "SHABRINA, Abu"), Raqqa, Syria; Al-Shadadi, Hasaka Province, Syria; DOB 23 Jul 1984; POB Bogor, Indonesia; nationality Indonesia; Gender Male; Passport A8329173 (Indonesia); Ustad (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT).

Dated: January 10, 2017.

John E. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Loan Guaranty: Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grant Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing the availability of funds for the Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology (SAHAT) Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 2017. The objective of the grant is to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

This Notice is intended to provide applicants with the information necessary to apply for the SAHAT Grant Program. Registration will be available at www.Grants.gov. VA strongly recommends referring to the Loan Guaranty—Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grant Program final rule (38 CFR 36.4412) in conjunction with this Notice. The registration process described within this Notice applies only to applicants who will register to submit project applications for FY 2017 SAHAT Grant Program funds.

DATES: Applications for the SAHAT Grant Program must be submitted via www.Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on February 26, 2017. The SAHAT Grant Program application package for funding opportunity, VA-SAHAT-17-02, is available through www.Grants.gov and is listed as VA-Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grant Program. Applications may not be sent by mail, email or facsimile. All application materials must be in a format compatible with the www.Grants.gov application submission tool. Applications must arrive as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in the application being rejected. Technical assistance with the preparation of an initial SAHAT Grant Program application is available by contacting the program official listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryant Lacey (Program Manager), Specially Adapted Housing Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-8955 (not a toll-free number).

Dated: January 17, 2017.

Full Text of Announcement: This Notice is divided into eight sections. Section I provides a summary of and