

services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications 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:** Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Early, Mitchell, Turner, Worth.

The Interest Rates are:

|   | Percent |
|---|---------|
| <b>For Physical Damage:</b>                                       |         |
| Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...      | 2.500   |
| Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere ..... | 2.500   |
| <b>For Economic Injury:</b>                                       |         |
| Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere ..... | 2.500   |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15029C and for economic injury is 15030C.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9871]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Exchange Programs Alumni Web Site Registration

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to March 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Carlyn Messenger, Junior Program Officer in the Office of Alumni Affairs, who may be reached on 202-632-6186 or at [MessengerCB@state.gov](mailto:MessengerCB@state.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Exchange Programs Alumni Web site Registration.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0192.

- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, ECA/P/A.

- *Form Number:* DS-7006.

- *Respondents:* Exchange program alumni and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000 for full form, and 41,000 for expedited form.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 46,000.

- *Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes for response to the full form or 2 minutes for response to the expedited form.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 2,200 hours (reduction of approximately 30% since last approval).

- *Frequency:* One time per respondent.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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 information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public

record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The International Exchange Alumni Web site requires information to process users' voluntary request for participation in the International Exchange Alumni Web site. Other than contact and exchange program information, which is required for Web site registration, all other information is provided on a voluntary basis. Participants also have the option of restricting access to their information.

Respondents to this registration form are U.S. government-sponsored exchange program participants and alumni. Alumni Affairs collects data from users not only to verify their status or participation in a program, but to help alumni network with one another and aid Embassy staff in their alumni outreach. Once a user account is activated, the same information may be used for contests, competitions, and other public diplomacy initiatives in support of Embassy and foreign policy goals.

*Methodology:* Information provided for registration is collected electronically via the Alumni Web site, [alumni.state.gov](http://alumni.state.gov).

*Additional Information:* Since the previous approval, improvements made to the Web site have decreased the burden to respondents by 30%. International Exchange Alumni is a secure, encrypted Web site.

**Alyson Grunder,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9824]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: PEPFAR Program Expenditures

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The

purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to *March 6, 2017*.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Irum Zaidi, 1800 G St. NW., Suite 10300, SA-22, Washington DC 20006, who may be reached on 202-663-2588 or at [ZaidiIF@state.gov](mailto:ZaidiIF@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* PEPFAR Program Expenditures.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0208.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy (S/GAC).
- *Form Number:* DS-4213.
- *Respondents:* Recipients of U.S. government funds appropriated to carry out the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,627.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,627.
- *Average Time per Response:* 24 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 39,048 hours.
- *Frequency:* Annually.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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 information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was established through enactment of the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-25), as amended by the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-293) (HIV/AIDS Leadership Act) to support the global response to HIV/AIDS. In order to improve program monitoring, the interagency Finance and Economics Work Group supporting PEPFAR has added reporting of expenditures by program area to the current routine reporting of program results for the annual report. Data are collected from implementing partners in countries with PEPFAR programs using a standard tool (DS-4213) via an electronic web-based interface into which users directly input data. These data are analyzed to produce mean and range in expenditures by partner per result/achievement for all PEPFAR program areas. These analyses then feed into partner and program reviews at the country level for monitoring and evaluation on an ongoing basis. Summaries of these data provide key information about program costs under PEPFAR on a global level. Applying expenditure results will improve strategic budgeting, identification of efficient means of delivering services, accuracy in defining program targets, and will inform allocation of resources to ensure the program is accountable and using public funds for maximum impact.

*Methodology:* Data will be collected in a web-based interface available to all partners receiving funds under PEPFAR. To minimize the respondents' reporting burden and need for information technology investment, a new module capturing expenditure data was added to an already functional system. System upgrades now allow collection of the same information but no longer require uploading and downloading of spreadsheet templates. This approach has minimized U.S. government start-up costs for the technology and will make

the data collection processes more efficient.

**Max L. Aguilar,**

*Deputy Coordinator for Management, Budget, and Operations, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36087]

### West Branch Intermediate Holdings, LLC and Continental Rail LLC—Continuance in Control Exemption—New Mexico Central Railroad, LLC

West Branch Intermediate Holdings, LLC (West Branch) and Continental Rail LLC (Continental) have filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) for West Branch to continue in control of, and Continental to manage, New Mexico Central Railroad, LLC (NMCR), upon NMCR's becoming a Class III rail carrier. West Branch is a noncarrier limited liability company that currently controls Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (Delta), a Class III carrier. Continental is a noncarrier formed for the purpose of managing and operating short line railroads.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *New Mexico Central Railroad—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—Southwestern Railroad, Whitewater Division*, Docket No. FD 36085, in which NMCR has filed for authority under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate certain Southwestern assets. In particular, NMCR will acquire Southwestern's leasehold interest in a line between Deming (MP 1134) and Rincon (MP 1080) and Southwestern's ownership interest in lines: Between Deming (MP 0.0) and Peruhill (MP 5+3,763 feet); between Peruhill (MP 5+3,763 feet) and Whitewater (MP 30+2,972 feet); between Whitewater (near MP 30+2,972 feet) and the Tyrone Industrial Spur at Burro Mountain Jct. (near MP 33+5,256 feet); between Whitewater (MP 0+0750 feet) and Santa Rita (MP 16+1,500 feet); and between Hannover, Jct. (MP 14+1,345.4 feet) and the connection line at the Fierro Industrial Spur at the Sharon Steel Plant (near MP 6+1,804 feet). The total Southwestern mileage NMCR will acquire (by purchase or lease) and operate is approximately 116 miles.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In Docket No. FD 36084, West Branch and Continental have invoked the class exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) for West Branch to acquire control