

information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Ramona Sandoval, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC, who may be reached on 202-647-1076 or at sandovalrm@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* FLO Professional Development Fellowship (PDF) Application.

- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* New Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Human Resources, Family Liaison Office (HR/FLO).

- *Form Number:* DS-4297.
- *Respondents:* The PDF program is open to spouses and partners of direct-hire U.S. government employees from all agencies serving overseas under Chief of Mission authority at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 260.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 260.

- *Average Time per Response:* 2.75 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 715 annual hours.

- *Frequency:* Annually.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain 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: FLO needs the information collected in the PDF application to determine who will receive a Professional Development Fellowship. The information is provided to selection committees that use a set of criteria to score the applications. Respondents are spouses

and partners of direct-hire U.S. government employees from all agencies serving overseas under Chief of Mission who want to maintain, enhance, and/or develop professional skills while overseas. The information is sought pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2651a—Organization of the Department of State, 22 U.S.C. 3921—Management of the Foreign Service.

Methodology: Applicants will email the completed application to FLO's PDF program manager.

Susan Frost,

Director, Family Liaison Office, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[STB Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 1)]

Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).
DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters at 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Higgins (202) 245-0284; Michael.Higgins@stb.gov. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RETAC was formed in 2007 to provide advice and guidance to the Board, and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues related to the transportation of energy resources by rail, including coal, ethanol, and other biofuels. *Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee*, Docket No. EP 670. The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions regarding issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of energy resources. Potential agenda items for this meeting include a performance

measures review, industry segment updates by RETAC members, a presentation on energy transportation logistics, and a roundtable discussion.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2; Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations, 41 CFR pt. 102-3; RETAC's charter; and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board's Web site at www.stb.gov.

Written Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments to RETAC at any time. Comments should be addressed to RETAC, c/o Michael Higgins, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001 or Michael.Higgins@stb.gov.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1321, 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: September 20, 2017.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Rena Laws-Byrum,

Clearance Clerk.

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TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: United States Trade and Development.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve an extension for a currently approved information collection for Evaluation of USTDA Performance. USTDA published its first **Federal Register** Notice on this information request extension on July 12, 2017, at 82 FR 32223, at which time a 60-day comment period was announced. No comments were received in response to this notice at the end of the comment period.

DATES: Comments must be received by OMB by October 26, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for extension prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments should be addressed as follows: Desk Officer for USTDA, Office

of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Carolyn Hum, Administrative Officer, Attn: PRA, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, 1000 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1600, Arlington, VA 22209-3901; Tel.: (703) 875-4357, Fax: (703) 875-4009; Email: chum@ustda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are again being solicited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Summary Collection Under Review

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Expiration Date of Previous Approval: 11/30/2017.

Title: Evaluation of USTDA Performance.

Form Number: USTDA 1000E-2011a.

Frequency of Use: Annually for duration of project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,440 to 1,800 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 480 to 600 hours per year. Federal Cost: \$324,453.

Authority for Information Collection: Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 103 Pub. L. 62; 107 Stat. 285.

Abstract: USTDA and contractors will collect information from various stakeholders on USTDA-funded activities regarding development impact and/or commercial objectives as well as evaluate success regarding GPRA objectives. This information collection enables USTDA to assess the impacts that its program investments have on U.S. commercial interests and economic development abroad. The goal of this information collection is to gather evidence and stakeholder feedback in

order to continually improve program performance and deliver better results to U.S. taxpayers. As a matter of good management practice, such information is necessary to responsibly carry out the Agency's mission of monitoring current and recently completed activities.

Dated: September 19, 2017.

Carolyn Hum,
Administrative Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[DOCKET NUMBER USTR-2017-0013]

Request for Comments Concerning an Environmental Review of the Proposed Renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is initiating an environmental review relating to the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), a free trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The TPSC invites written comments on the topics that should be included in the scope of the environmental review, including potential positive or negative environmental effects that might result from the trade agreement and potential implications for U.S. environmental laws and regulations. The TPSC also welcomes comments on appropriate methodologies and sources of data for conducting the review. We will take comments on environmental issues we received in response to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 2017, requesting comments on NAFTA negotiating objectives into account in preparing the environmental review and you do not need to resubmit these comments.

DATES: We must receive your comments by November 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: We strongly prefer electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section 3 below. The docket number is USTR-2017-0013. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Yvonne Jamison, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions about submission of comments to Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475. Direct substantive questions to Sarah Stewart at (202) 395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

On May 18, 2017, following consultations with relevant Congressional committees, USTR informed Congress that the President was entering into negotiations with Canada and Mexico with respect to the NAFTA. Through a notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 23699) and a public hearing held on June 27-29, 2017, in Washington, DC, the TPSC invited the public to provide comments and testimony to assist USTR in assessing U.S. objectives for the proposed agreement. You can find a description of the U.S. negotiating objectives for the NAFTA on the USTR Web site: <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/files/Press/Releases/NAFTAObjectives.pdf>.

2. Environmental Review

Section 105(d)(1)(A) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015, 19 U.S.C. 4201, requires environmental reviews of trade agreements consistent with Executive Order 13141 (64 FR 63169, Nov. 18, 1999) and the implementing guidelines (65 FR 79442, Dec. 19, 2000). The purpose of environmental reviews is to ensure that policymakers and the public are informed about reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts of trade agreements (both positive and negative), to identify complementarities between trade and environmental objectives, and to help shape appropriate responses if environmental impacts are identified. Reviews are one of the tools we use to integrate environmental information and analysis into the fluid, dynamic process of trade negotiations. USTR and the Council on Environmental Quality jointly oversee implementation of the Executive Order and its implementing guidelines. USTR, through the TPSC, is responsible for conducting the individual reviews. You can find additional background information and examples of prior environmental reviews on the USTR Web site: <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/environment/environmental-reviews>.

3. Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "Comments Regarding the NAFTA Environmental Review." In order to be assured of consideration, you must