

- *Respondents*: Implementing partners of ECA grants and cooperative agreements.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 100.

- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 250 per year (most respondents report on a semi-annual basis; though there are some that will report more frequently).

- *Average Time per Response*: 20 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time*: 5,000 hours per year.

- *Frequency*: At least twice per year.

- *Obligation to Respond*: Voluntary.

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

As a normal course of business and in compliance with OMB Guidelines contained in Circular A-110, recipient organizations are required to provide, and the U.S. State Department required to collect, periodic program and financial performance reports. The responsibility of the State Department to track and monitor the programmatic and financial performance necessitates a database that can help facilitate this in a consistent and standardized manner. The SAMS-D RPM enables enhanced monitoring and evaluation of grants and cooperative agreements through standardized collection and storage of relevant award elements, such as quarterly progress reports, workplans, results monitoring plans, grant agreements, financial reports, and other business information related to ECA implementing partners. The SAMS-D RPM streamlines communication with implementers and allows for rapid identification of information gaps for specific projects.

Methodology

Information will be entered into SAMS-D RPM electronically by respondents (ECA implementing partners). Non-respondents will submit their quarterly reports on paper.

Aleisha Woodward,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 730 (Sub-No. 1)]

Roster of Arbitrators—Annual Update

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11708, the Board's regulations establish a voluntary and binding arbitration process to resolve rail rate and practice complaints that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction. Section 11708(f) provides that, unless parties otherwise agree, an arbitrator or panel of arbitrators shall be selected from a roster maintained by the Board. Accordingly, the Board's rules establish a process for creating and maintaining a roster of arbitrators. 49 CFR 1108.6(b).

The Board most recently updated its roster of arbitrators by decision served March 28, 2019. The roster is published on the Board's website at <https://www.stb.gov/> (click the "Resources" tab and select "Litigation Alternatives" from the drop down menu).

Under 49 CFR 1108.6(b), the Board is to update the roster of arbitrators annually. Accordingly, the Board is now requesting the names and qualifications of new arbitrators who wish to be placed on the roster. Current arbitrators who wish to remain on the roster must notify the Board of their continued availability and confirm that the biographical information on file with the Board remains accurate and if not, provide any necessary updates. Arbitrators who do not confirm their continued availability will be removed from the roster. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators.

Any person who wishes to be added to the roster should file an application describing his or her experience with rail transportation and economic regulation, as well as professional or business experience, including agriculture, in the private sector. Each applicant should also describe his or her training in dispute resolution and/or experience in arbitration or other forms of dispute resolution, including the number of years of experience. Lastly, the applicant should provide his or her contact information and fees.

All comments—including filings from new applicants, updates to existing arbitrator information, and confirmations of continued availability—should be submitted by January 14, 2020.¹ The Board will assess each new applicant's qualifications to determine which individuals can ably serve as arbitrators based on the criteria established under 49 CFR 1108.6(b). The Board will then establish an updated roster of arbitrators by no-objection vote. The roster will include a brief biographical sketch of each arbitrator, including information such as background, area(s) of expertise, arbitration experience, and geographical location, as well as contact information and fees. The roster will be published on the Board's website.

It is ordered:

1. Applications from persons interested in being added to the Board's roster of arbitrators, and confirmations of continued availability (with updates, if any, to existing arbitrator information) from persons currently on the arbitration roster, are due by January 14, 2020.

2. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators and published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

Decided: December 3, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director,
Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Closure of Airport; Orange City Municipal Airport, Orange City, Iowa, Friday, January 31, 2020

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of permanent closure.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received written notice, dated September 6, 2019, from the City of Orange City advising that on January 31, 2020, it was permanently closing Orange City Municipal Airport (ORC), Orange City, Iowa; the notice was in excess of 30 days before the closure. The FAA hereby publishes the

¹ Persons who have informally indicated an interest in being included on the arbitrator roster (e.g., correspondence to Board members) should submit a comment pursuant to this decision.