

hazardous material or its residue or if it is represented and maintained as a Department of Transportation (DOT) packaging usable for hazmat transportation.

(8) *Question:* Are hazardous materials being transported for personal use subject to the HMR? For example, are pesticides that are transported from a store by individuals to treat their garden subject to the HMR?

*Answer:* The answer is no. Under part 171, the phrase “in commerce” means in furtherance of a commercial enterprise and transportation in a private motor vehicle for personal use is not considered in furtherance of a commercial enterprise even when transported in a leased or rented vehicle.

(9) *Question:* Are privately-owned SCUBA tanks that are used for diving and marked as DOT specification cylinders subject to the HMR?

*Answer:* A SCUBA tank that is represented as conforming to HMR requirements—*i.e.*, marked with a DOT specification marking—must be maintained by the owner of said SCUBA tank in accordance with the applicable specification requirements whether or not it is in transportation in commerce.

(10) *Question:* Are government-owned hazardous materials transported for government purposes by contractor personnel subject to the HMR?

*Answer:* The answer is yes. As provided in § 171.1(d)(5), the HMR do not apply to transportation of a hazardous material in a motor vehicle, aircraft, or vessel operated by a Federal, state, or local government employee solely for noncommercial Federal, state, or local government purposes. However, contractor personnel are not considered government employees and the provisions of the HMR apply.

(11) *Question:* Are gasoline cans transported by a landscaping company by motor vehicle subject to the HMR?

*Answer:* Commercial businesses—such as landscaping, swimming pool services, or construction companies—transporting hazardous materials are considered “in commerce” and subject to the HMR. However, when used in support of a business, the HMR provides an exception in § 173.6 for the transport of “materials of trade.”

(12) *Question:* Are household hazardous wastes that are transported by a private person to a county drop-off facility subject to the HMR?

*Answer:* The answer is no, provided the household hazardous wastes are the individual’s personal property and he or she is not engaged in a commercial activity, such as a landscaping company or carpentry service.

#### IV. Notice Objectives

FAQ in this notice—and future FAQ published on PHMSA’s website—will help to reduce the volume of duplicative requests for information covered by the FAQ and will facilitate faster processing of more complex and novel LOI requests in the future. Furthermore, in addition to publishing the first set of FAQ in the **Federal**

**Register**, this notice seeks public input specific to the anticipated benefits provided by the FAQ initiative and suggestions for future FAQ topics.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 16, 2022, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### Solicitation for Annual Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The annual Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award (the award) seeks to raise awareness among transportation stakeholders about human trafficking and increase training and prevention to combat it. The award is a component of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative. Additional information regarding the Department’s counter-trafficking activities can be found at [www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking](http://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking).

**DATES:** Submissions accepted March 22, 2022 through midnight PST on May 23, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information, and to register your intent to compete individually or as part of a team, visit [www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking](http://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking), email [trafficking@dot.gov](mailto:trafficking@dot.gov), or contact Maha Alkhateeb in the Office of International Transportation and Trade at (202) 366–4398.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The award serves as a platform for transportation stakeholders to creatively develop impactful and innovative counter-trafficking tools, initiatives, campaigns, and technologies that can help stop these heinous crimes. The award is open to individuals and entities, including non-governmental organizations, transportation industry associations, research institutions, and state and local government organizations. Entrants compete for a cash award of up to \$50,000 to be awarded to the individual(s) or entity

selected for creating the most impactful counter-trafficking initiative or technology. DOT intends to incentivize individuals and entities to think creatively in developing innovative solutions to combat human trafficking in the transportation industry, and to share those innovations with the broader community.

*Award Approving Official:* The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary).

*Subject of Award Competition:* The Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award will recognize impactful and innovative approaches to combating human trafficking in the transportation industry.

#### Problem

As many as 25 million men, women, and children are held against their will and trafficked into forced labor and prostitution. Transportation figures prominently in human trafficking enterprises when traffickers move victims, which uniquely positions the industry to combat the crime.

#### Challenge

The Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award is looking for the best innovators to develop original, impactful, and unique human trafficking tools, initiatives, campaigns, and technologies that can help stop these heinous crimes in the transportation industry.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award competition, private entities must be incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States, and individuals must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. There is no charge to enter the competition.

#### Rules, Terms, and Conditions

The following additional rules apply:

1. Entrants shall submit a project to the competition under the rules promulgated by the Department in this Notice;
2. Entrants must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Federal Government from and against all third-party claims, actions, or proceedings of any kind and from any and all damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses relating to or arising from participant’s submission or any breach or alleged breach of any of the representations, warranties, and covenants of participant hereunder. Entrants are financially

responsible for claims made by a third party;

3. Entrants may not be a Federal entity or Federal employee acting within the scope of employment;

4. Entrants may not be an employee of the U.S. Department of Transportation;

5. Entrants shall not be deemed ineligible because an individual used Federal facilities or consulted with Federal employees during a competition if the facilities and employees are made available to all individuals participating in the competition on an equitable basis;

6. The entries cannot have been submitted in the same or substantially similar form in any other previous Federally sponsored promotion or Federally sponsored competition;

7. Entrants previously awarded first place are not eligible to reenter for the same or substantially similar project;

8. Entries which, in the Department's sole discretion, are determined to be substantially similar to another entity's entry submitted to this competition may be disqualified;

9. The competition is subject to all applicable Federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes the entrants' full and unconditional agreement to these rules and to the Secretary's decisions, which are final and binding in all matters related to this competition;

10. Entries must be original, be the work of the entrant and/or nominee, and must not violate the rights of other parties. All entries remain the property of the entrant. Each entrant represents and warrants that:

- Entrant is the sole author and owner of the submission;
- The entry is not the subject of any actual or threatened litigation or claim;
- The entry does not and will not violate or infringe upon the intellectual property rights, privacy rights, publicity rights, or other legal rights of any third party; and
- The entry does not and will not contain any harmful computer code (sometimes referred to as "malware," "viruses," or "worms").

11. By submitting an entry in this competition, entrants agree to assume any and all risks and waive any claims against the Federal Government and its related entities (except in the case of willful misconduct) for any injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue or profits, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, arising from their participation in this competition, whether the injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence of otherwise. Provided, however, that by registering or submitting an entry,

entrants and/or nominees do not waive claims against the Department arising out of the unauthorized use or disclosure by the agency of the intellectual property, trade secrets, or confidential information of the entrant;

12. The Secretary or the Secretary's designees have the right to request additional supporting documentation regarding the application from the entrants and/or nominees;

13. Each entrant grants to the Department, as well as other Federal agencies with which it partners, the right to use names, likeness, application materials, photographs, voices, opinions, and hometown and state for the Department's promotional purposes in any media, in perpetuity, worldwide, without further payment or consideration;

14. If selected, the entrant and/or nominee must provide written consent granting the Department and any parties acting on their behalf, a royalty-free, non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to display publicly and use for promotional purposes the entry ("demonstration license"). This demonstration license includes posting or linking to the entry on Department websites, including the Competition website, and partner websites, and inclusion of the entry in any other media, worldwide;

15. Applicants which are Federal grant recipients may not use Federal funds to develop submissions;

16. Federal contractors may not use Federal funds from a contract to develop applications or to fund efforts in support of a submission; and

17. The submission period begins on March 22, 2022. Submissions must be sent by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on May 23, 2022. The timeliness of submissions will be determined by the postmark (if sent in hard copy) or time stamp of the recipient (if emailed). Competition administrators assume no responsibility for lost or untimely submissions for any reason.

#### Submission Requirements

Applicants must submit entries via email or by mail. Electronic packages may be transmitted by email to: [trafficking@dot.gov](mailto:trafficking@dot.gov). Hard copies should be forwarded with a cover letter to the attention of: Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award (Room W88-121), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

*Expression of Interest: While not required, entrants are strongly encouraged to send brief expressions of interest to the DOT prior to submitting entries. The expressions of interest*

*should be sent by April 21, 2022 to [trafficking@dot.gov](mailto:trafficking@dot.gov), and include the following elements: (1) Name of entrant/s; (2) Telephone and email address; and (3) A synopsis of the concept, limited to no more than two pages.*

Please ensure your submission package includes ALL of the following elements:

#### 1. Entity

The (1) name of the submitting individual(s) or organization, (2) their title, (3) phone, (4) email, (5) website URL, and (6) mailing address. If the point of contact for the project is different, also specify their name, title, phone, and email.

#### 2. Background

Brief background regarding the submitting individual(s) or organization(s) that includes project-related expertise.

#### 3. Eligibility Statement

A statement of eligibility by private entities indicating that they are incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States, or a statement of eligibility by individuals indicating that they citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

#### 4. Mode(s)

Specify which transportation mode(s) the project will focus on.

#### 5. Title

The project title.

#### 6. Project Summary and Overview (1–2 Pages)

A (1) one-paragraph synopsis of the proposed project followed by a (2) 1–2 page overview of the project. Projects should present a logical and workable solution and approach to addressing the issue of human trafficking in the transportation industry. *Questions to consider include:* Is the concept unique? Are the anticipated beneficiaries clearly identified? Were human trafficking survivors consulted in the development of the project and/or how will survivor input be included in project implementation? Are the anticipated resources and costs outlined in detail? Can the project be implemented in a way requiring a finite amount of resources (e.g., the submission has fixed costs, low or no marginal costs, and a clear path to implementation and scale beyond an initial investment)?

#### 7. Impact/Measurability

A description of how the project will be evaluated, and its potential impact

on human trafficking in the transportation industry. Questions to consider include: How will the project's impact be measured? How will the project contribute to counter-trafficking efforts in the transportation sector? If not a national project, can the project be scaled nationally?

#### 8. Partners

If applicable, list the partners who will be engaged in project development and/or implementation, including a brief background for each.

#### 9. Letters of Support

You may submit supporting letters, which may be from subject matter experts or industry, and may address the technical merit of the concept, originality, impact, practicality, measurability and/or applicability.

#### 10. Supporting Documents (no page limit)

The paper(s) and/or technologies, programs, video/audio files, and other related materials, describing the project and addressing the selection criteria. As applicable, this can include a description of success of a previous or similar project and/or documentation of impact. DOT may request additional information, including supporting documentation, more detailed contact information, releases of liability, and statements of authenticity to guarantee the originality of the work. Failure to respond in a timely manner may result in disqualification.

#### Initial Screening

The Office of International Transportation and Trade will initially review applications to determine that all required submission elements are included, and to determine compliance with eligibility requirements.

#### Evaluation

After the Initial Screening, the Office of International Transportation and Trade, with input from the relevant Operating Administrations, will judge entries based on the factors described below: Technical merit, originality, impact, practicality, measurability, and applicability. All factors are important and will be given consideration.

The Secretary will make the final selection.

The Department reserves the right to not award the prize if the selecting officials believe that no submission demonstrates sufficient potential for sufficient transformative impact.

#### Technical Merit

- Presents a clear understanding of the issue of human trafficking in the

transportation industry and utilizes a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach.

- Presents a logical and workable solution and approach to addressing human trafficking in the transportation industry.
- Survivors of human trafficking were consulted in the development of the project concept and survivor input is outlined in the description of project implementation.

#### Originality

- The concept is new or a variation of an existing idea.
- The concept possesses and clearly describes its unique merits.

#### Impact/Measurability

- The project can make a significant impact and/or contribution to the fight against human trafficking in the transportation industry.
- The project clearly describes the breadth of impact.
- The submission clearly outlines how the project will be measured.
- The project will result in measurable improvements.

#### Practicality

- The project clearly identifies anticipated beneficiaries of the project.
- The project clearly outlines anticipated resources and all costs to be incurred by executing the concept.
- The project can be implemented in a way that requires a finite amount of resources (specifically, the submission has fixed costs, low or no marginal costs, and a clear path to implementation and scale beyond an initial investment).

#### Applicability

- The project is national and/or can be scaled nationally.

#### Award

Up to three winning entries are expected to be announced. The first-place winner will receive up to a \$50,000 cash prize. A plaque with the first-place winner(s) name and the date of the award will be on display at the U.S. Department of Transportation, and a display copy of the plaque(s) will be sent to the first-place award winner's headquarters. At the discretion of the Secretary, up to two additional plaques may be awarded to recognize two runners up. At the Department's discretion, DOT may pay for invitational travel expenses to Washington, DC for up to two individuals or representatives of the first-place winning organization and runners up organizations, should selectees be invited to present their project(s) for DOT officials.

(Authority: 15 U.S.C. 3719 (America COMPETES Act).)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request for Form 8844

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8844, *Empowerment Zone Employment Credit*.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 23, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Andrés Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to [omb.unit@irs.gov](mailto:omb.unit@irs.gov). Please include, "OMB Number: 1545-1444—Public Comment Request Notice" in the Subject line.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at (202) 317-5746, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Empowerment Zone Employment Credit.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1444.

*Project Number:* Form 8844.

*Abstract:* Employers who hire employees who live and work in one of the eleven designated empowerment zones can receive a tax credit for the first \$15,000 of wages paid to each