

whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments on or before February 16, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, Room A1804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0600.

*Title:* Application to Participate in an FCC Auction.

*Form Numbers:* FCC 175 and FCC 175-S.

*Type of Review:* Extension of an existing collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,400.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 45 mins. for Form 175; 15 mins. for Form 175-S.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirements.

*Total Annual Burden:* 15,600 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* \$3,120,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The information will be used by the Commission to determine if the applicant is legally, technically, and financially qualified to participate in an FCC auction. The rules and requirements are designed to ensure that the competitive bidding process is limited to serious qualified applicants and to deter possible abuse of the bidding and licensing process. The Commission plans to use this form for all upcoming auctions and reactions.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC. 20573.

J.B.R. Marine Inc., 1930 S. Brea Canyon Road, Suite #C-240, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, Officer: Xiuji Zhang, President  
Tropical Transfer Inc., 5701 Biscayne Boulevard, No. 901, Miami, FL 33137-2602, Officers: Julia Danvers, President; Alan Danvers, Treasurer  
Lion Cargo Brokers, Inc., 8055 N.W. 77th Court, Suite 5, Miami, FL 33166, Officers: Gary M. Goldfarb, Vice President; Ramon A. Purtu, Vice President

Dated: December 10, 1998.

**Joseph C. Polking,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Public Workshop: U.S. Perspectives on Consumer Protection in the Global Electronic Marketplace

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Initial Notice Requesting Academic Papers and Public Comment and Announcing Public Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission plans to hold a public workshop to examine U.S. perspectives on consumer protection in the global electronic marketplace, and seeks academic papers and public comment to inform this examination.

**DATES:** Papers and written comments are requested to be submitted on or before February 26, 1999. The workshop will be held during the spring of 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Six hard copies of each paper and written comment should be

submitted to: Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H-159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20580. Comments should be captioned "U.S. Perspectives on Consumer Protection in the Global Electronic Marketplace—Comment, P994312."

*Form and Availability of Comments:*

To enable prompt review and accessibility to the public, papers and comments also should be submitted, if possible, in electronic form, on either one 5-1/4 or one 3-1/2 inch computer disk, with a disk label stating the name of the submitter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. (Programs based on DOS or Windows are preferred. Files from other operating systems should be submitted in ASCII text format.)

Papers and written comments will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and Commission regulations, 16 C.F.R. Part 4.9, on normal business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. The Commission will make this notice and, to the extent possible, all papers or comments received in response to this notice available to the public through the Internet at the following address: <http://www.ftc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The exact dates, location, and information about public participation in the workshop will be announced later by **Federal Register** notice. For questions about this request for academic papers and comments, contact either: Lisa Rosenthal, Legal Advisor for International Consumer Protection, Division of Planning and Information, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, telephone 202-326-2249, e-mail [lrosenthal@ftc.gov](mailto:lrosenthal@ftc.gov); or Jonathan Smollen, Attorney, Division of Financial Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, telephone 202-326-3457, e-mail [jsmollen@ftc.gov](mailto:jsmollen@ftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The number of direct, international business-to-consumer transactions involving electronic commerce is expected to increase significantly in the future. Global networks have the potential to offer consumers substantial