obligation under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the Act). The Act's legislative history indicates that one of its statutory goals is to prevent candidates for Federal political office from incurring large amounts of unsecured debt with regulated transportation companies (e.g. airlines). This information collection allows the Department to monitor and disclose the amount of unsecured credit extended by airlines to candidates for Federal office. All certificated air carriers are required to submit this information.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 715–17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention RITA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on whether the proposed retention of records is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research & Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket No. RITA–2005–23342]

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Part 249 Preservation of Records

AGENCY: Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that the Information Collection Request, abstracted below, is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for extension of currently approved record retention requirements. Earlier, a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on February 3, 2006 (71 FR 5903). The agency did not receive any comments to its previous notice.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by May 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, Room 4125, RITA, BTS, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001, Telephone Number (202) 366–4387, Fax Number (202) 366–3383 or e-mail *bernard.stankus@dot.gov.*

Comments: Comments should be sent to OMB at the address that appears below and should identify the associated OMB Approval Number 2138–0006 and Docket RITA–2005–23342.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 2138–0006.

Title: Preservation of Air Carrier Records—14 CFR Part 249 .

Form No.: None.

Type Of Review: Extension of a currently approved recordkeeping requirement.

Respondents: Certificated air carriers and charter operators.

Number of Respondents: 120 certificated air carriers. 300 charter operators.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours per certificated air carrier. 1 hour per charter operator.

Total Annual Burden: 660 hours.

Needs and Uses: Part 249 requires the retention of records such as: General and subsidiary ledgers, journals and journal vouchers, voucher distribution registers, accounts receivable and payable journals and legers, subsidy records documenting underlying financial and statistical reports to DOT, funds reports, consumer records, sales reports, auditors' and flight coupons, air waybills, etc. Depending on the nature of the document, the carrier may be required to retain the document for a period of 30 days to 3 years. Public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators must retain documents which evidence or reflect deposits made by each charter participant and commissions received by, paid to, or deducted by travel agents, and all statements, invoices, bills and receipts from suppliers or furnishers of goods and services in connection with the tour or charter. These records are retained for 6 months after completion of the charter program.

Not only is it imperative that carriers and charter operators retain source documentation, but it is critical that we ensure that DOT has access to these records. Given DOT's established information needs for such reports, the underlying support documentation must be retained for a reasonable period of time. Absent the retention requirements, the support for such reports may or may not exist for audit/validation purposes and the relevance and usefulness of the carrier submissions would be impaired, since the data could not be verified to the source on a test basis.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 715–17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention RITA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on whether the proposed retention of records is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research & Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket No.: RITA–2005–23755]

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Passenger Origin-Destination Survey Report

AGENCY: Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that the Information Collection Request, abstracted below, is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for extension of currently approved reporting requirements. Earlier, a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on February 3, 2006 (71 FR 5904). The agency did not receive any comments to its previous notice.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by May 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, Room 4125, RITA, BTS, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001, Telephone Number (202) 366–4387, Fax Number (202) 366–3383 or E-MAIL *bernard.stankus@dot.gov*.

Comments: Comments should be sent to OMB at the address that appears below and should identify the associated OMB Number 2139–0001 and Docket Number RITA–2005–23755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 2139–0001.

Title: Passenger Origin-Destination Survey Report.

Form No.: None.

Type Of Review: Extension of a currently approved reporting requirement.

Respondents: Large certificated air carriers.

Number of Respondents: 32.

Total Annual Burden: 30,720 hours.

Needs and Uses: Survey data are used in monitoring the airline industry, negotiating international air agreements, selecting new international routes, selecting U.S. carriers to operate limited entry international routes, forecasting future traffic demands, and modeling the spread of contagious diseases from foreign countries.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 715–17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention RITA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on whether the proposed retention of records is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 944–SS and Form 944–PR

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general 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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 944–SS, Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Form 944–PR, Planilla para la Declaracion ANNUAL de la Cotribucion Federal del Patrono.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 30, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622–3634, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Form 944–PR, Planilla para la Declaracion ANNUAL de la Cotribucion Federal del Patrono.

OMB Number: 1545–2010.

Form Number: Form 944–SS and Form 944–PR.

Abstract: Form 944–SS and Form 944–PR are designed so the smallest employers (those whose annual liability for social security and Medicare taxes is $1,000 or less) will have to file and pay these taxes only once a year instead of every quarter.

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations, Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 9 hours 34 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 191,200.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 24, 2006.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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