ACTION: Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval of a new information collection that is summarized below under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by July 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 2011–0044 by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.
Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jeffrey Miller, (202) 366–0744 or jeffrey.miller@dot.gov, Office of Safety Integration, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).

Type of request: New information collection requirement.

Background: The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU), 23 U.S.C. 148, established the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as a core Federal program. A Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a major and mandatory component of the HSIP. A SHSP is a statewide-coordinated, data-driven, multi-year comprehensive safety plan coordinated by a State Department of Transportation. The purpose of the SHSP is to identify the State’s key safety needs and guide investment decisions to achieve significant reductions in highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. The SHSP is developed by each State in a cooperative process with local, State, Federal, and private sector engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency medical service stakeholders. The SHSP process allows highway safety programs in the State to work together in an effort to align and leverage resources. This coordination also allows State agencies to integrate multiple strategic safety plans, including the Highway Safety Plan (HSP) and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP).

FHWA supports development of SHSPs at the State level by (1) Providing technical assistance; (2) conducting education and outreach; (3) performing and disseminating research and analysis; (4) developing and distributing technical tools, and (5) drafting and disseminating policy and guidance. The requested information collection, in the form of an on-line survey tool, will be used to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of these activities in supporting the development and implementation of SHSPs. Survey respondents will be asked to provide information about their use and opinion of FHWA-supplied products and services to support SHSP development and implementation as well as their perspectives on the effectiveness of the SHSP program overall. Certain survey respondents will also be asked to provide feedback on State-level coordination between the SHSP, the HSP and the CVSP annual safety plans required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), respectively. The information will also allow FHWA to assess the needs of State DOTs for additional products and services in support of the SHSP development, update and implementation processes, with the ultimate goal of improving highway safety outcomes across the nation.

Respondents: We estimate that 153 State-level leads responsible for development and implementation of the SHSP, the HSP and the CVSP. In some cases, an individual may be responsible for more than one plan.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total burden for this collection would be approximately 76.5 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the U.S. DOT’s performance, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the U.S. DOT’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.


Issued On: May 13, 2011.

Julie Huynh,
Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Docket No. MARAD 2011 0062]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration’s (MARAD’s) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before July 18, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sheila Brown, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; Telephone: (202) 366–5178, FAX: (202) 366–5904; or E-Mail: sheila.brown@dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title of Collection: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Type of Request: Elements of Request for Course Approval.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0535.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.
Summary of Collection of Information: Under this proposed voluntary collection, public and private maritime security training course providers may choose to provide the Maritime Administration (MARAD) with information concerning the content and operation of their courses. MARAD will use this information to evaluate whether the course meets the training standards and curriculum promulgated under Section 109 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) (Pub. L. 107–295). Courses found to meet these standards will receive a course approval.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection is needed to facilitate the approval of maritime security training courses that meet the standards and curriculum developed under the MTSA.

Description of Respondents: Respondents are public and private maritime security course training providers.

Annual Responses: 45.
Annual Burden: 450 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Docket No. MARAD–2011–0052

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel THE GIFT.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2011–0052 at http://www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR Part 386 (68 FR 23084, April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in §388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2011–0052. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, Room M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

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By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Christine Gurland,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2011 0055]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel PRIORITIES.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances.