Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development submitted its first report to the President, which included 18 recommendations that were applicable to the “six focus areas” identified above. The purpose of the meeting is scheduled as a full Task Force meeting. The agenda will include a status update of recommendations presented in the November 1, 2011 Task Force Report to the President.

In addition, the Task Force will allow time to obtain public comment from individuals and representatives of organizations regarding the areas of focus.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public; however, advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make a presentation to the Task Force must contact Raymond B. Snyder, by April 23, 2012, by email in order to be placed on the agenda. Comments for the Record should be applicable to the “six focus areas” of the Task Force and emailed prior to the meeting for inclusion in the public record; verbal presentations, however, will be limited to five minutes in the interest of time and to accommodate as many presenters as possible. Written comments should be emailed to Raymond B. Snyder, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20416, at the email address for the Task Force, vets@taskforce@sba.gov.

Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability or require additional information, please contact Raymond B. Snyder, Designated Federal Official for the Task Force at (202) 205–6773; or by email at: raymond.snyder@sba.gov, SBA, Office of Veterans Business Development, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.sba.gov/vets.


Dan Jones,
SBA Committee Management Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), SBA announces the meetings of the National SBDC Advisory Board. This Board provides advice and counsel to the SBA Administrator and Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss following issues pertaining to the SBDC Advisory Board:

—SBA Update.
—Regional Meetings.
—Board Assignments.
—Member Roundtable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public however advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to be a listening participant must contact Alanna Falcone by fax or email. Her contact information is Alanna Falcone, Program Analyst, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416, Phone, 202–619–1612, Fax 202–481–0134, email, alanna.falcone@sba.gov.

Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability or require additional information, please contact Alanna Falcone at the information above.

Dan S. Jones,
Committee Management Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7607]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2012, in Room 5–1224 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fifty-fifth Session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO’s) Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, February 18–22, 2013.

The matters to be discussed on the agenda include:

—Adoption of the agenda
—Decisions of other IMO bodies
—Development of second generation intact stability criteria
—Development of guidelines on safe return to port for passenger ships
—Development of guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers
—Review of the damage stability regulations for ro-ro passenger ships
—Revision of SOLAS chapter II–1 subdivision and damage stability regulations
—Development of provisions to ensure the integrity and uniform implementation of the 1969 TM Convention
—Development of amendments to part B of the 2008 IS Code on towing and anchor handling operations
—Consideration of IACS unified interpretations
—Development of amendments to the criterion for maximum angle of heel in turns of the 2008 IS Code
—Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for SLF 56
—Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2014
—Any other business
—Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Catherine Phillips, by email at Catherine.A.Philips@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372–1374, by fax at (202) 372–1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG–5212), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126 not later than June 7, 2012, 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after June 7, 2012 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2012–0033]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which 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 June 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID 2012–0033 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: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


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:

Mark Ferroni, 202–366–9237, Office of Natural Environment, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Possible Inclusion of Specific Pavement Noise Model: Regulatory and Procedural Changes.

Background: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has been actively involved in what today the highway noise industry refers to as “quieter pavements.” In 2003, the FHWA entered into the Quiet Pavement Pilot Program with the Arizona Department of Transportation, co-sponsored the 2004 International Scan on “Quieter Pavement Systems in Europe,” and funded several national workshops, trainings and informational outreach pieces on this topic. In 2005, the FHWA began funding the “Pavement Effects Implementation Study” (PEI) to see how more specific pavement types could be incorporated into the FHWA Traffic Noise Model (FHWA TNM). The incorporation of specific pavement types into TNM would require State Departments of Transportation to use these more specific pavement types in TNM and would result in additional regulatory and procedural changes.

The PEI currently is out of funding but an interim report will soon be released. Before additional time, effort and funding are put into completing the PEI, it is important to conduct a user-need analysis to determine whether our stakeholders, primarily State Departments of Transportation, still want us to complete this research, knowing that it would result in regulatory and procedural changes. The information would cover the topics of being required to use a more specific pavement type(s), being required to maintain the specific pavement type selected, and being required to call a project, a Type I project, if the original pavement is replaced or overlaid with a louder pavement.

Respondents: Approximately 60 entities.

Frequency: Once.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 30 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA’s performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA 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: April 2, 2012.

Juli Huynh, Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0091]

Notice of Fiscal Year 2012 Cooperative Agreement Solicitation for Applications; Specialized Heavy Vehicle Inspection (SHVI) Study

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public of a FY 2012 cooperative agreement opportunity being offered by the FMCSA in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to State agencies responsible for large truck roadside safety inspections. The FMCSA announces this cooperative agreement opportunity based on authorities provided for in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (Pub. L. 109–59). The cooperative agreement opportunity is to support the FMCSA and the FHWA to collect data for a Specialized Heavy Vehicle Inspection (SHVI) Study.

DATES: Applications are due by May 4, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact the following FMCSA staff with questions or information on this cooperative agreement opportunity: Luke Loy, luke.loy@dot.gov, 202–366–0676. FMCSA staff may be reached at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

In an effort to better understand the safety performance of heavier vehicles, the FMCSA and the FHWA are partnering to implement the Specialized Heavy Vehicle Inspection (SHVI) Study Cooperative Agreement. The SHVI Study Cooperative Agreement will provide funding to State agencies responsible for large truck roadside safety inspections. The purpose of the