

between April and July of 2003 at the address listed on their entry. Successful entrants will also be sent instructions on how to apply for an immigrant visa, including information on the fee for immigrant visas and a separate visa lottery surcharge. Successful entrants must complete the immigrant visa application process and meet all eligibility requirements under U.S. law to be issued a visa.

Being selected in the DV Lottery does not automatically guarantee issuance of a visa, even if the applicant is qualified, because the number of entries selected and registered is greater than the number of immigrant visas available. Those selected will, therefore, need to complete and file their immigrant visa applications quickly. Once all the diversity visas have been issued or on September 30, 2004, whichever is sooner, the DV Program for Fiscal Year 2004 will end.

Obtaining Instructions on Entering the DV Lottery

Interested persons may call (202) 331-7199, which describes the various means to obtain further details on entering the DV-2004 program. Applicants overseas may contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for instructions on the DV lottery. DV information is also available in the Visa Bulletin, on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov> or via the Consular Affairs automated fax at (202) 647-3000 (code 1103). Calls to the automated fax service must be made from a fax machine using the receiver or voice option of the caller's fax equipment.

George Lannon,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Pottawattamie County, IA, Douglas County, NE

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for improving the freeway system for Interstate-80 (I-80), I-29, and I-480 in the City of Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and the

City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Hiatt, Operations Engineer, FHWA, 105 6th Street, Ames, IA 50010-6337, (515) 233-7321. James P. Rost, Director, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, (515) 239-1798.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Project including improvements to I-80, I-29, and I-480. The system deficiencies noted in an earlier needs study (conducted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of Council Bluffs in April 1999) included deteriorated roadways and bridges, reduced travel efficiency, substandard roadway geometry, and safety issues. The proposed system improvements include approximately 18 mainline-miles of interstate, and 16 interchanges (3 system, 13 service). The project area includes Interstate 80 from near the 24th Street interchange in the City of Omaha, Nebraska, east to U.S. Hwy 6 (Kanesville Blvd) just northeast of the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The project also includes: Interstate 29, from just south of Iowa Hwy 92 and U.S. Hwy 275 south of Council Bluffs, and north to Iowa Hwy 192 (16th Street) just north of Council Bluffs; Interstate 480 from the Missouri River Bridge (on the Nebraska side) to Interstate 29 at the Broadway interchange in Council Bluffs; studies of the Missouri River crossings; and an underpass of the Union Pacific mainline.

Due to the size of the system and the multi-year/multi-project approach, a tiered EIS process will be conducted. A Tier 1 EIS will be prepared to determine the preferred set of long-range improvements for the I-80, I-29, and I-480 freeway system. The EIS will consider a broad range of alternatives including no action, reconstruction of

the existing alignment, and improvements to transportation system management, transportation demand management, transit, and cross-town corridors. Following the conclusion of the Tier 1 EIS, preliminary engineering, in-depth environmental studies, and Tier 2 environmental documents (EIS, environmental assessment (EA), or categorical exclusion (CE)) will be completed for individual projects as appropriate.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who are known to be interested in this proposed project.

A scoping meeting for identifying significant issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement will be held on September 12, 2002 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Best Western Crossroads of the Bluffs at 2216 27th Avenue (I-80 and 24th Street), Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In addition to the scoping meeting, a series of public meetings and a public hearing on the draft EIS will be held in the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa, during 2002, 2003 and 2004. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public meetings and public hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the Iowa Department of Transportation or FHWA at the address provided under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Bobby W. Blackmon,

Division Administrator.

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MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-13156]

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 DESTINY'S WINDS.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-13156. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR § 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been

received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. *Name of vessel:* DESTINY'S WINDS. *Owner:* Hugh C. Garver.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant:* "The vessel is 46' long, 14' breadth, with a gross tonnage of 16 and a net tonnage of 14."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant:* "I intend to use the vessel for charter work throughout the coastline of Florida. If possible, I would extend the area to include New Orleans to Savannah, GA."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction:* 1980. *Place of construction:* La Rochelle, France.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant:* "To my knowledge, there are no long range charter sail operators in the area of Destin, Florida. In researching the feasibility of such an operation, I could only find five advertised charter operators within the geographic area I have requested."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. *According to the applicant:* "Throughout the coastline, there are many facilities that one can get immediate towing and repair service. They could help me if necessary and any work would be of benefit to them should I need their services."

Dated: August 16, 2002.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-13155]

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 WILD FLOWER.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-13155. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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