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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Request for Grant Proposals for an Operational Test for the Implementation of Advanced Technologies in Rural Transit Service

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Request for grant proposals.

SUMMARY: FTA is issuing a request for grant proposals (RFP) for an operational test, which is funded at one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to demonstrate and evaluate innovative approaches to integrating Advanced Public Transportation System (APTS) technologies (also referred to as Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies for transit or Transit ITS) and available Information Technology (IT) systems. The purpose of the test is to better coordinate subsidized transportation services in rural areas among multiple transit operators. The cooperative project will require coordination among various funding agencies, such as the FTA, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Labor. The integration and use of APTS technologies and IT systems will enable rural transit providers to coordinate their services better and operate their transit and/or paratransit system(s) more efficiently, thus improving subsidized rural transportation services. FTA may award multiple grants for this project.

DATES: FTA will accept proposals immediately, as of September 17, 2002. Request for grant proposals may be viewed at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/research/fleet/its/otrpf.html>. A rolling application process will be used for this solicitation; therefore, there is no specific closing date for receipt of proposals. The solicitation will remain open until all funds for this project are obligated.

ADDRESSES: Proposals shall be addressed to Mr. Ronald Boenau, Advanced Public Transportation Systems (APTS) Division, Room 9402, TRI-11, Federal Transit Administration,

U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, and shall reference

"Implementation of Advanced Technologies in Rural Transit Service."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Request for grant proposals may be viewed at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/research/fleet/its/otrpf.html>. Technical questions or concerns may be directed to Mr. Ronald Boenau or Mr. William Wiggins via phone at 202-366-4995 or via e-mail at Rural.RFP@fta.dot.gov. Legal questions or concerns may be directed to Mr. James LaRusch via phone at 202-366-1936 or via e-mail at James.LaRusch@fta.dot.gov. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday, through Friday, except federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FTA is seeking proposals from community groups and public and private transportation providers currently establishing, operating, coordinating, or brokering a rural transit service. Public transit agencies, state DOTs, health and human service agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and metropolitan planning organizations are encouraged to apply. FTA also welcomes proposals from Community Access Program (CAP) grantees. All agencies submitting proposals in response to this notice consent to be publicly identified as respondents.

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Jennifer L. Dorn,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20992]

Laidlaw Inc.—Intra-Corporate Family Transaction Exemption

Laidlaw Inc. (Laidlaw), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedure at 49 CFR 1182.9.¹ The exempt transaction involves the transfer of issued and outstanding shares of stock in five motor passenger carriers from Laidlaw's subsidiary Laidlaw

Transit Ltd. (Laidlaw Transit)² to Laidlaw's subsidiary Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp. (Greyhound Canada). Additionally, after control of the five carriers has been transferred, Laidlaw seeks to merge Chatham into Penetang-Midland with Penetang-Midland as the surviving entity.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on August 31, 2002.

The transaction is intended to restructure Laidlaw's organization by separating its special and charter operations from its school bus operations. Specifically, control of the five special and charter operations bus lines will be transferred from Laidlaw Transit, which will retain school bus operations, to Greyhound Canada, where intercity, charter and tour bus operations will be concentrated. In addition, the proposed merger of Chatham into Penetang-Midland is intended to simplify Laidlaw's corporate structure by eliminating overlapping management functions and reducing duplicate overhead and fixed costs.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1182.9. Laidlaw states that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family. Laidlaw also states that, because it directly or indirectly holds all of the stock of the affected companies, no contract or agreement will be entered into, except for the corporate documentation and filings required to effect the merger. Laidlaw further states that there will be no effect upon employees because all of them will be retained.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the Board shall summarily revoke the exemption and require divestiture. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 13541(d) may be filed at any time. See 49 CFR 1182.9(c).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20992, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each

¹ The Board exempted intra-corporate family transactions of motor carriers of passengers that do not result in significant operational changes, adverse changes in service levels, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family in *Class Exemption for Motor Passenger Intra-Corporate Family Transactions*, STB Finance Docket No. 33685 (STB served Feb. 18, 2000).

² Laidlaw, through Laidlaw Transit, indirectly or directly controls Gray Line of Vancouver Holdings, Ltd. (MC-357855), The Gray Line of Victoria Ltd. (MC-380234) and its subsidiary Victoria Tours Limited (MC-404543), Penetang-Midland Coach Lines Limited (Penetang-Midland) (MC-139953), and J.L. DeNure (Chatham) Limited (Chatham) (MC-111143) all of which are Canadian motor passenger carriers rendering special and charter operations in the United States.

pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N Street, NW., (8th floor), Washington, DC 20036-1601.

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Decided: September 6, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for 941 TeleFile

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 941 TeleFile, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 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 Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1545-1509.

Form Number: 941 TeleFile.

Abstract: 941 TeleFile is used by employers to report by telephone payments made to employees subject to income and social security/Medicare taxes and the amounts of these taxes. It may be used instead of filing Form 941.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Responses: 920,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours, 58 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,968,000.

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: September 11, 2002.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Notice 99-43

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Notice 99-43, Nonrecognition Exchanges under section 897.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Allan Hopkins, (202) 622-6665, or through the Internet (Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nonrecognition Exchanges under Section 897.

OMB Number: 1545-1660.

Notice Number: Notice 99-43.

Abstract: Notice 99-43 announces modification of the current rules under Temporary Regulation section 1.897-6T(a)(1) regarding transfers, exchanges and other dispositions of U.S. real property interests in nonrecognition transactions occurring after June 18, 1980. The notice provides that, contrary to section 1.897-6T(a)(1), a foreign taxpayer will not recognize a gain under Code 897(e) for an exchange described in Code section 368(a)(1)(E) or (F), provided the taxpayer receives substantially identical shares of the same domestic corporation with the same divided rights, voting power, liquidation preferences, and convertibility as the shares exchanged without any additional rights or features.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the notice at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours.