

operating authority will be revoked involuntarily. Although the effect of both types of revocation is the same, some carriers prefer to request voluntary revocation. For various business reasons, a registrant may request revocation of some part, but not all, of its operating authority.

This information collection supports the DOT strategic goal of safety by enabling registrants to voluntarily request revocation of operating authority, or some part of that authority. A completed Form OCE-46 is filed with FMCSA by the registrant for requesting that all, or a part, of its operating authority be revoked. The information contained on the form is used by FMCSA in deciding on the revocation request. The use of Form OCE-46 has proven to be an easy and effective means by which a registrant can request revocation of its operating authority.

Form OCE-46 is filed by registrants on a voluntary, and for the most part, one-time basis. It calls for a very limited amount of information to identify the registrant and the scope of its request. Thus, the information collection itself has not been automated, although the information collected is ultimately entered into an automated database. The burden associated with this ICR is being revised due to an anticipated increase in the estimated number of annual filings from 3,000 to 3,501 and to account for the corresponding cost of notarizing and mailing Form OCE-46.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for FMCSA to perform its functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Issued under the authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.87 on: July 18, 2017.

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Associate Administrator for Office of Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2017-0002-N-3]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Work Force Development Survey

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation. (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and comment request.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 24, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Administration, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493-6132). (This telephone number is not toll free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), and 1320.12. On March 29, 2017, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. *See* 82 FR 15417. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve this proposed collection of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB

within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summary below describes the ICR and its expected burden. FRA is submitting the new request for clearance by OMB as the PRA requires.

Title: Workforce Development (WFD) Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2130-NEW.

Abstract: The FRA has statutory responsibility to ensure the safety of railroad operations as prescribed in the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (49 U.S.C. 20103). To conduct safe railroad operations, the workforce must have the requisite skills to operate equipment and technologies. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the FRA to promote workforce development policy and standards to ensure the workforce has the necessary skills and talent to conduct safe railroad operations. Due to an increasingly dynamic and maturing workforce combined with changing skills requirements imposed by newly introduced technologies, there is an increasing risk in not having the necessary talent pools to fill critical railroad operational positions. In 2011, FRA published the first Railroad Industry Modal Profile: An Outline of the Railroad Industry Workforce Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities, which provided a comprehensive overview of the railroad industry workforce as of December 31, 2008. This document is available to the public through the FRA Web site. The Railroad Industry Modal Profile was a response to the DOT National Transportation Workforce Development Initiative that required each DOT Operating Administration to produce an analysis of its industry workforce.

The prevailing workforce concerns during the early stages of the DOT National Transportation Workforce Development Initiative were the large number of retirement-eligible employees in transportation related fields and the national shortage of science, technology, engineering, and math graduates. Since the railroad industry had done very little hiring in the late 1980s and throughout most of the 1990s, the retirement-eligible population became quite large, even beyond that of most other industries and transportation modes (each of which were also grappling with similar retirement population concerns).

These concerns create risk in maintaining a viable workforce, and to take effective and efficient action to minimize these risks, FRA requires trustworthy information on current WFD strategies and challenges. Initial

data collected for the modal profile established a baseline understanding of the risks and status. However, to validate and further develop the understanding of the risks, this survey is being proposed. With this submission, FRA is requesting permission to acquire the needed knowledge regarding the workforce.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Affected Public: Class I freight and passenger railroads, short line and regional railroads, labor unions, major associations, academia and specialty experts.

Form(s): FRA Form 240.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 91.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 30.5 hours.

Addressee: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: oir-submissions@omb.eop.gov.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for DOT to properly perform its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DOT's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA–2017–0049]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes an Information Collection Request (ICR) for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number NHTSA–2017–0049 using any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, M–30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the Docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randolph Atkins, Ph.D., Contracting Officer's Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NPD–310), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W46–500, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Atkins' phone number is 202–366–5597 and his email address is randolph.atkins@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in

such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Title: Effectiveness of State Law Enforcement Liaison Programs.

Type of Request: New information collection request.

OMB Clearance Number: None.

Form Numbers: NHTSA Form 1408 and NHTSA Form 1409.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: 3 years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to collect information from the State's Law Enforcement Liaisons (LELs) and a selection of their State and sponsoring agency sponsors about the State's LEL program activities in promoting NHTSA's traffic safety programs and initiatives. Participation in the study will be voluntary. The LELs and their State and sponsoring agency sponsors will be asked to participate in an online Web site-based survey designed to identify their program characteristics, costs, and State-recommended program practices. The following data will be collected: Number of LELs, program structure and organization, job description, program objectives, reporting requirements, performance monitoring practices, program costs, communication networks, reported usefulness of specific program practices, site and conference attendance practices, and public outreach activities. The estimated time to complete the web-based surveys will be 45 minutes. No personally identifiable information will be used in analysis. The results from the