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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2008-0055]

Notice of Request for the Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the following new information collection: Grant Accrual Surveys of FTA Grantees.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before February 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (Note: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at www.regulations.gov. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202-366-7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that

all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to www.regulations.gov. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit www.regulations.gov. Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Godwin Nwosu, FTA Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366-9748, or e-mail: Godwin.Nwosu@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Grant Accrual Surveys of FTA Grantees.
(OMB Number: 2132-NEW).

Background: FTA administers over 40 programs which include Formula Grants, New Starts, Fixed Guideway Modernization and the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. FTA is required to estimate and record accrued liability and expenses in its financial statements for grant expenses incurred but not yet submitted to FTA for reimbursement by grantees. This is required by the Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board guidelines. The surveys covered in this request will provide FTA with a means to gather data directly from its grantees. The information obtained from the surveys will be used to assess how FTA estimates the amount owed its grantees at the end of each accounting period. FTA needs the survey information to meet the Chief Financial Officer's Act financial statement audit requirements.

The surveys will be limited to data collections that solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations.

Respondents: FTA grantees.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 15 hours for each of the 50 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 750 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: December 15, 2008.

Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of award.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects to be funded under Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 appropriations for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program (TTP), a program authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the appropriate FTA regional Tribal Liaison, (Appendix A) for application-specific information and issues. For general program information, contact Lorna R. Wilson, Office of Transit Programs, at (202) 366-2053, e-mail: Lorna.Wilson@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribal Transit Program (TTP) established by Section 3013(c)(1) SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59 (August 10, 2005), under 49 U.S.C. 5311(c) makes funds available to federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the U.S. Department of the Interior for public transportation capital projects, operating costs and planning activities that are eligible costs under the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5311).

A total of \$12 million was made available for the program in FY 2008. In response to the FY 2008 NOFA, 89

applicants requested \$24 million for new transit services, enhancement or expansion of existing transit services and planning studies including operational planning. Projects were selected through a competitive process based on each applicant's response to the program evaluation criteria outlined in FTA's May 21, 2008, **Federal Register** Notice of Funding Availability and Solicitation for FY 2008 TTP (73 FR 29569). FTA also took into consideration the current status of the FY 2006 and FY 2007 grants for tribes requesting continuation funding.

Because of the high demand, many applicants selected for funding will receive less funding than they requested to enable FTA to support an increased number of meritorious applications. Funds were only awarded to fund one year of the project. Tribes that sought funding for a multi-year project in response to the FY 2008 solicitation must submit a new application in response to the FY 2009 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in order to be considered for FY 2009 funding.

The selected projects provide \$620,000 for transit planning studies and/or operational planning; \$557,500 for startup projects for new transit service; and, \$10,822,500 for enhancements or expansion of existing transit services. Each of the 71 awardees, as well as the applicants not selected for funding, will receive a letter detailing the funding decision. The successful applicants for FY 2008 are listed in Table I.

Following the publication of this notice, FTA's regional tribal liaison will contact each applicant selected for funding to discuss technical assistance needs. In the event the contact information provided in a tribe's FY 2008 application has changed, the tribe should contact the regional transit tribal liaison (listed in Appendix A) with the current information in order to expedite the grant award process.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 8th day of December, 2008.

Sherry Little,

Acting Administrator.

Appendix A—FTA Regional Offices and Tribal Transit Liaisons

Region I—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine—Richard H. Doyle, FTA Regional Administrator, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, Phone: (617) 494-2055, Fax: (617) 494-2865, Regional Tribal Liaison (s): Laurie Ansaldi and Judi Molloy.

Region II—New York, New Jersey—Brigid Hynes-Cherin, FTA Regional Administrator, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, Phone: (212) 668-2170, Fax: (212) 668-2136, Regional Tribal Liaison: Darin Allan.

Region III—Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Washington, DC, Letitia Thompson, FTA Regional Administrator, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Phone: (215) 656-7100, Fax: (215) 656-7260.

Region IV—Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands—Yvette G. Taylor, FTA Regional

Administrator, 230 Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel.: 404-865-5600, Fax: 404-865-5605, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Jamie Pfister and James Garland.

Region V—Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan—Marisol R. Simon, FTA Regional Administrator, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606-5232, Phone: (312) 353-2789, Fax: (312) 886-0351, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Joyce Taylor and Angelica Salgado.

Region VI—Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma—Robert Patrick, FTA Regional Administrator, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Phone: (817) 978-0550, Fax: (817) 978-0575, Regional Tribal Liaison: Lynn Hayes.

Region VII—Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri—Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Regional Administrator, 901 Locust Street, Suite 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Phone: (816) 329-3920, Fax: (816) 329-3921, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Joni Roeseler and Cathy Monroe.

Region VIII—Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah—Terry Rosapee, FTA Regional Administrator, 12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228-2583, Phone: (720) 963-3300, Fax: (720) 963-3333, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Jennifer Stewart and David Beckhouse.

Region IX—California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam—Leslie Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator, 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105-1926, Phone: (415) 744-3133, Fax: (415) 744-2726, Regional Tribal Liaison: Eric Eidlin.

Region X—Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska—Richard Krochalis, FTA Regional Administrator, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, Phone: (206) 220-7954, Fax: (206) 220-7959, Regional Tribal Liaison: Bill Ramos.

TABLE 1—FTA FY 2008 ALLOCATION OF TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

Tribe	State	Award	ID Number
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town	WI	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9001
Blue Lake Rancheria	CA	120,000	D2008-TRTR-9002
Bois Forte Band of Minnesota Chippewa	MN	20,000	D2008-TRTR-9003
Central Council Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska	AK	250,000	D2008-TRTR-9004
Cher-Ae heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria	CA	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9005
Cherokee Nation	OK	250,000	D2008-TRTR-9006
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes	OK	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9007
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	SD	157,500	D2008-TRTR-9008
Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation	MT	200,000	D2008-TRTR-9009
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	OK	158,000	D2008-TRTR-9010
Coeur D' Alene Tribe	ID	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9011
Comanche Nation	OK	160,000	D2008-TRTR-9012
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	MT	250,000	D2008-TRTR-9013
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	WA	442,373	D2008-TRTR-9014
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation	WA	155,000	D2008-TRTR-9015
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde	OR	198,110	D2008-TRTR-9016
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	OR	200,000	D2008-TRTR-9017
Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing	WA	200,000	D2008-TRTR-9018
Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation	NC	172,900	D2008-TRTR-9019
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	MO	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9020
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	MN	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9021
Fort Belknap Indian Community	MT	218,000	D2008-TRTR-9022
Georgetown Tribal Council	AK	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9023
Gulkana Village Council	AK	200,000	D2008-TRTR-9024
Kalispell Tribe of Indians	WA	208,296	D2008-TRTR-9025
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	MI	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9026

TABLE 1—FTA FY 2008 ALLOCATION OF TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM—Continued

Tribe	State	Award	ID Number
Kiowa Tribe	OK	262,000	D2008-TRTR-9027
Klamath Tribe	OR	150,000	D2008-TRTR-9028
Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO)	WI	109,068	D2008-TRTR-9029
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	SD	150,000	D2008-TRTR-9030
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	WA	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9031
Lower Sioux Indian Community	MN	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9032
Lummi Nation	WA	200,000	D2008-TRTR-9033
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	WI	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9034
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	MS	192,000	D2008-TRTR-9035
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	OK	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9036
Nez Perce Tribe	ID	250,000	D2008-TRTR-9037
Northern Cheyenne Reservation	MT	157,500	D2008-TRTR-9038
Oglala Sioux Tribe	SD	300,000	D2008-TRTR-9039
Ohkay Owingeh	NM	155,000	D2008-TRTR-9040
Orutsaramiut Native Council	AK	175,000	D2008-TRTR-9041
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	NE	216,500	D2008-TRTR-9042
Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	OK	208,000	D2008-TRTR-9043
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	KS	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9044
Pueblo of San Idefonso	NM	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9045
Pueblo of Santa Ana	NM	150,000	D2008-TRTR-9046
Pueblos of Tesuque-North Central Regional Transit District	NM	250,000	D2008-TRTR-9047
Quechan Indian Tribe	AZ	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9048
Quinalut Indian Nation	WA	200,000	D2008-TRTR-9049
Reservation Transportation Authority	CA	400,000	D2008-TRTR-9050
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	SD	100,000	D2008-TRTR-9051
Santa Clara pueblo	NM	125,000	D2008-TRTR-9052
Santee Sioux Nation	NE	195,800	D2008-TRTR-9053
Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	MI	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9054
Seminole Nation	OK	220,000	D2008-TRTR-9055
Sitka Tribe of Alaska	AK	172,900	D2008-TRTR-9056
Southern Ute Indian Tribe	CO	157,000	D2008-TRTR-9057
Spirit Lake Tribe	ND	250,000	D2008-TRTR-9058
Spokane Tribe of Indians	WA	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9059
Squaxin Island Tribe	WA	146,564	D2008-TRTR-9060
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	ND	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9061
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	WA	150,000	D2008-TRTR-9062
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community	WA	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9063
Tetlin Village Council	AK	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9064
The Chickasaw Nation	OK	300,000	D2008-TRTR-9065
The Citizen Potawatomi Nation	OK	276,000	D2008-TRTR-9066
The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	KS	25,000	D2008-TRTR-9067
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa	ND	225,000	D2008-TRTR-9068
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians	OK	216,000	D2008-TRTR-9069
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	NE	200,000	D2008-TRTR-9070
Yurok Tribe	CA	255,489	D2008-TRTR-9071
Total Awarded		\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2008-0185; Notice 1]

China Manufacturers Alliance, LLC, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

China Manufacturers Alliance, LLC (CMA), as importer of record for Dynacargo brand truck and bus radial tires manufactured by Shandong Jinyu Tyre Company Limited (Jinyu) has determined that certain tires manufactured during the period May

2007 through June 2008 do not fully comply with paragraph S6.5(d) of 49 CFR 571.119 (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Motor Vehicles With a GVWR of More than 4,536 Kilograms (10,000 pounds) and Motorcycles*. The affected tires were imported by CMA and sold to American Tire Distributors (ATD). CMA has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) (see implementing rule at 49 CFR part 556), CMA has petitioned for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this

noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of CMA's petition is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the petition.

Affected are approximately 2,537 size 235/75R17.5/16 Dynacargo brand load range H truck and bus tires manufactured during the period May 2007 through June 2008 with DOT date codes in the range 1407 through 2608. 1,153¹ of these tires are currently under

¹ CMA's petition, which was filed under 49 CFR Part 556, requests an agency decision to exempt CMA as importer from the notification and recall responsibilities of 49 CFR Part 573 for all 2,537 of the affected tires. However, the agency cannot

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