

approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

*Title of Information Collection:* Contact Information And Work History For Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant.

*Frequency:* Once per respondent.

*Form Number:* DS-158.

*Respondents:* All nonimmigrant visa applicants seeking to study in the United States and other nonimmigrant visa applicants as determined to be appropriate by the Department of State.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,500,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 2,500,000 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate 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.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Brendan Mullarkey of the Office of Visa Services at 202-663-1163, 2401 E St., NW., U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on 202-395-3897.

Dated: January 18, 2003.

**Janice L. Jacobs,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 4)]

**Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures—Productivity Adjustment**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Proposed adoption of a Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures productivity adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board proposes to adopt 1.019 (1.9%) as the measure of average change in railroad productivity for the 1997-2001 (5-year) period. The current value of 4.2% was developed for the 1996 to 2000 period.

**DATES:** Comments are due by February 17, 2003.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The proposed productivity adjustment is effective 30 days after the date of service.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 4) to: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Parties should submit all pleading and attachments on a 3.5-inch diskette in WordPerfect 6.0 or 6.1 compatible format.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from the Board's contractor, Dā-To-Dā Legal, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 293-7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: January 24, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Morgan.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Transportation Security Administration**

**Operation Safe Commerce Cooperative Agreement Program; Request for Application and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Operation Safe Commerce Cooperative Agreement Program**

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting applications for the Operation Safe Commerce Cooperative Agreement Program

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Security Administration working in conjunction with an interagency Executive Steering Committee for Operation Safe Commerce (OSC) requests applications for the OSC Cooperative Agreement Program to fund business drive initiatives to enhance security for the movement of cargo through the supply chain. The goal of OSC is to explore business processes and technology prototypes that protect commercial shipments from threat of terrorist attack, illegal immigration, and contraband while minimizing the economic impact upon the transportation system. The Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Seattle, Tacoma, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are invited to submit proposals for funding consideration under this initiative. Persons and entities representing components of the supply chain may seek funding through these ports. The ports are encouraged to maximize their eligibility for funding by including representatives from all components of the supply chain, including major and minor load centers and feeder locations, their overseas customers and port partners, and the shipping lines serving these locations.

Authority for this program is contained in the fiscal year 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, Pub. L. 107-206, 116 Stat. 820.

**DATES:** The program announcement and application forms for the Operation Safe Commerce Cooperative Agreement Program are expected to be available on or about January 31, 2003. Applications must be received on or before 4 p.m. e.s.t., Marcy 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Program Announcement #02MLPA0001 for the Operation Safe Commerce Cooperative Agreement Program will be available through the