

*Average Annual Burden per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Burden on Respondents:* 20,824 hours (Including 19,026 hours for recordkeeping)

This information collection is available for inspection at the office of Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement (C-50), Office of the General Counsel, DOT, at the address above. Copies of 49 CFR part 23 can be obtained from Mr. Robert C. Ashby at the address and telephone number shown above.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 24, 1998.

**Neil R. Eisner,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 23, 1997, (62 FR 67107).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Judith Street, ABC-100; Federal Aviation Administration; 800 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20591; Telephone number (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

*Title:* Federal Aviation Administration, Flight Standards Customer Satisfaction Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0568.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* A combination of approximately 53,625 airmen, air operators, or air agencies are expected to respond.

*Abstract:* The need is for the Flight Standards Service to survey customers in keeping with our strategic initiative to improve the quality of our service by anticipating customer needs and responding to the public interest. The action of conducting customer satisfaction surveys is consistent with, and mandated by, such executive and federal level issuances as the September 1993 Presidential Executive Order, Vice President Gore's Report of the National Performance Review, and the FAA's Strategic Plan. The completion of this survey is voluntary. No assurance of confidentiality is provided as the respondents are not asked to reveal information about themselves, except if they wish to do so voluntarily in the comments section. Additionally, we are stating in the questionnaires themselves that any names or identifying information will be redacted by the contractor before a list of comments is turned over to the FAA.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 12,741 hours.

*Addresses:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FAA Desk Officer.

**Comments Are Invited On**

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including

the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Vanester M. Williams,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 28, 1997 (62 FR 45694-45695).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James D. McCauley, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

*Title:* Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).

*OMB Number:* 2125-0536.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Affected Public:* State MCSAP lead agencies.

*Abstract:* Sections 401-404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA) established a program of financial assistance to the States' implementation of programs for the enforcement of (a) Federal rules, regulations, standards, and orders applicable to commercial motor vehicle

safety and (b) compatible State rules, regulations, standards, and orders. This grant-in-aid program is known as the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). The Intermodal Surface Transportation Safety Act of 1991 (ISTEA) added programs, such as drug interdiction, traffic enforcement, and size and weight activities to the core program established by the STAA. Pursuant to the STAA, in order to qualify for a grant, participating States must submit a plan which is adequate to promote the objectives of Section 402 and meet a number of specified requirements. Section 402(c) of the STAA requires that the Secretary, on the basis of reports submitted by the State agency and the Secretary's own inspections make a continuing evaluation of the manner in which each State is carrying out its approved plan. This provision is implemented in 49 CFR 350.19 and Appendix B, paragraph G. In order for the Secretary (i.e. Federal Highway Administration) to make this evaluation, it is necessary for the State to provide and/or maintain information concerning past, present, and future enforcement activity. The application by a State for a grant must contain the information required by 49 CFR 350.9 or 350.11, 250.13 and 250.15. This information is necessary to enable the FHWA to determine whether a State meets the statutory and administrative criteria to be eligible for a grant. It is necessary that a State's work activities and accomplishments be reported so that FHWA may monitor and evaluate a State's progress under its approved plan and make the determinations and decisions required of 49 CFR 350.19, 350.23, and 350.25.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 14,498 hours.

*Addresses:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FHWA Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Vanester M. Williams,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-98-3553]

#### Marine Transportation System: Waterways, Ports, and their Intermodal Connections

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration, together with several other federal agencies, are holding seven two-day regional listening sessions to receive information concerning the current state and future needs of the U.S. marine transportation system—the waterways, ports, and their intermodal connections. These listening sessions are a first step in developing a customer-based strategy to work together to ensure waterways, ports, and their intermodal connections meet user and public expectations for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The information provided at the regional listening sessions will be presented at a national conference in the fall of 1998.

**DATES:** The meeting in New Orleans, LA will be on March 31, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting in New Orleans, LA will be held at the Port of New Orleans, 1320 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130.

You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-3553), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also electronically access the public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public docket, contact Carol Kelley, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329; for information concerning the notice of meeting contact Joyce Short, U.S. Coast Guard (G-M-2), 2100 Second St., SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-6164.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Other Regional Listening Sessions

This notice announces the first of seven two-day regional listening sessions. Other sessions are being planned for Portland, OR; Oakland, CA; St. Louis, MO; Cleveland, OH; New York, NY; and Charleston, SC. The dates and locations of these sessions will be published in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

##### Request for Comments

We encourage interested persons to participate in this information-gathering initiative by submitting written data, views, or other relevant documents. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this notice (USCG-1998-3553), and the reasons for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ x 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing to the DOT Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If you want acknowledgment of receipt of your comments, enclose a stamped, self-addressed post card or envelope.

Comments received, whether submitted in writing to the docket, or presented during the regional listening sessions, will be considered in preparing the agenda of a national conference in the fall 1998.

##### Background

The marine transportation system includes waterways, ports, and their intermodal connections with highways, railways, and pipelines. The marine transportation system links the United States to overseas markets and is important to national security interests. Excluding Mexico and Canada, over 95% of U.S. foreign trade by tonnage is shipped by sea, and 14% of U.S. inter-city freight is transported by water.

Forecasts show that U.S. foreign ocean borne trade is expected to more than double by the year 2020; and commuter ferries, recreational boating and other recreational uses of the waterway are expected to increase,