

for a mechanical draft crossflow cooling tower for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

5. Approval to provide network integration transmission service to Cinergy Services, Inc., to serve Bristol, Virginia, in accordance with the provisions of the TVA Transmission Service Guidelines, as amended, including the requirements of recovery by TVA of its stranded cost claim against Bristol and acknowledgment by Bristol of its reciprocal transmission obligation.

6. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the TVA Retirement System to allow vested members who voluntarily leave TVA employment to receive immediate retirement benefits regardless of age.

7. Abandonment of an existing road right-of-way easement and grant of road right-of-way easement to Randy Nunley, affecting 0.66 acre of land and 0.46 acre of TVA's Chickamauga Lake land (Tract Nos. XCR-418 and XCR-693H) in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

8. Sale of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of an access road to Montana Land Company, L.L.C., affecting 2.2 acres of land on Pickwick Lake in Hardin County, Tennessee (Tract No. XPR-455H).

9. Grant of a 30-year easement to Chattanooga Gas Company affecting approximately .02 acre of the Sequoyah Access Railroad property in Hamilton County, Tennessee (Tract No. XSNPRR-8P), for a natural gas pipeline.

10. Grant of a permanent easement to Lowndes County, Mississippi, affecting approximately 5.83 acres of land for a road that was relocated by TVA (Tract No. XTLNDSS-1H).

11. Grant of a permanent easement to the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, affecting 2.79 acres of land at TVA's Tupelo Primary 161-kV Substation in Lee County, Mississippi (Tract No. XTSC-2RE), for a city park.

12. Public auction sale affecting 42.67 acres of TVA's Nashville, Tennessee, Power Service Center, Davidson County, Tennessee (Tract No. XNTPSC-3).

13. Approval to file a condemnation case.

14. Approval of revision to TVA's power contract with Fort Payne, Alabama.

15. Approval of a grant of permanent easement for public recreation to the State of Tennessee affecting approximately 221 acres of land on Tims Ford Lake in Franklin and Moore Counties, Tennessee (Tract Nos. XTTFMR-13RE, -14RE, -15RE, -17RE, -18RE, -19RE, and -21RE).

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000,

Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-97-2767]

Notice of Intent to Collect Information on Passenger Travel by Air Under Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation ("Department" or "DOT") has submitted the following information request (see below under Abstract) under emergency processing to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). OMB approval has been requested by July 30, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be filed in Room PL-401, Docket OST-97-2767, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. To facilitate consideration of comments, each commenter should submit five copies of its comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Schmidt, Office of Aviation and International Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590 at (202) 366-5420 or (202) 366-7638 (FAX).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Collection of Data on Passenger Travel by Air.

Type of Request: Approval of new data collection.

Abstract: The Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-264) required the Secretary of Transportation to complete a Study of Rural Air Fares which, among other things, was to analyze air fares paid between small communities and large hub airports with fares

between large hub airports. Currently, DOT collects air fare data from certain air carriers as part of the *Passenger Origin and Destination Survey* ("Survey"). This Survey is based on a ten percent sample of passenger tickets and is reported to the Department on a quarterly basis by the large certificated air carriers. In the course of analyzing these data with reference to the small communities, the Department has tentatively concluded that because of the small size of the sample and the absence of smaller carriers from the database, the current data are somewhat unrepresentative and inadequate for providing proper analysis. The Department is therefore seeking the development of a database that will better meet its needs to provide this analysis.

Through an order issued at the same time as this notice, the Department will require airlines and CRSs to provide the data needed for this analysis. In order to minimize the burden of providing these data, the Department is suggesting the use of the Ticket Control Number (TCN) files. In the process of ticketing airline passengers, airlines and CRSs electronically record most transactions in TCN files for various accounting, reconciliation and control purposes. Each TCN file contains approximately 150 individual data items. The Department believes that these files are the best source of the type of comprehensive data that it is seeking.

Furthermore, under a current data interchange program, many airlines and CRSs routinely submit the TCN data to the Airline Tariff Publishing Company (ATPCO) electronically on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. The Department believes that these TCN data as submitted to ATPCO provide an ideal source for meeting its data needs because of the comprehensive nature of the data and the potential advantages of advanced techniques for managing the data that are already in place. DOT intends to collect a full year's data in order to eliminate any seasonal variations or other aberrations.

By collecting these data, the Department intends to develop a system that includes the design and creation of a database extracted from the TCN files, storage of the database, and direct access by Departmental users to the database. To the extent that some ticketing data are not included in current data interchange programs, the Department intends to take whatever steps are necessary to provide as complete a database as possible.

The Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-264) was enacted on October 9,

1996 and required that the Secretary submit a final report on the study no later than sixty days after enactment of the legislation. The Department completed the initial service analysis in January 1997 with additional fare analysis to follow. Based on a thorough review of the data in the Survey as well as other sources, the Department has decided that the new data collection is necessary to provide the best data for this analysis. Therefore, because of the length of time involved in the thorough review of the data in the Survey and in order not to delay the completion of the Congressional report further beyond the statutory deadline, the Department is seeking emergency clearance to begin to collect data for use in the Rural Air Fare Study.

Estimate of Burden: The Department tentatively estimates that the impact of this data collection will be minimal based on the use of the TCN data files and data transmission through ATPCO as mentioned previously. For those carriers that use their own internal reservation systems and are not part of the CRSs, and for those smaller carriers that are less automated, the Department anticipates that these respondents could incur an additional cost for the additional time spent in processing and transmitting the data. The Department does not have specific information to estimate this additional cost and invites comments regarding this issue. However, the Department expects that the extent of this supplemental data is relatively small and has engaged a contractor to work with these carriers to satisfy this data requirement.

Respondents: All U.S. airlines providing scheduled passenger service and all computer reservations systems operating in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47 large certificated airlines, 36 small certificated and commuter airlines and four computer reservations systems.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: It is anticipated that the majority of the data (75 percent) will be transmitted through the CRSs on a daily (Monday through Friday) basis with several larger carriers and half of the small carriers, who maintain independent systems, responding on a weekly and monthly basis, respectively. Thus, the estimated annual number of responses per respondent would range from 260 per year for the CRSs to 12 per year for some of the smaller airlines.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Based on a calculation of an additional one-quarter of a man-year for non-CRS respondents and an estimate of an additional 15 minutes for data transmission per response for the

CRSs, the Department estimates an annual burden of 9,360 hours. However, we invite comments on this issue.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) ways in which the Department could estimate the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 the respondents, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Regional Liaison Outreach and Services Program (LOSP) Announcement of Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) is responsible for the Department's implementation and execution of the functions and duties under sections eight (8) and fifteen (15) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637) for developing policies and procedures consistent with Federal statutes to provide policy direction for minority, women-owned, small and disadvantaged business (S/DBE) participation in the Department's procurement and Federal financial assistance activities. The office is also responsible for implementing and monitoring the Department's goals for minority, women-owned and small and disadvantaged businesses. The Secretary of Transportation has encouraged DOT operating administrations to expand opportunities for these entrepreneurs to participate fully in all DOT-funded procurements and assisted programs. This request solicits competitive proposals from organizations classified as trade associations and/or Chambers of Commerce for participation under OSDBU's Liaison Outreach and Services

Program (LOSP). Eligible applicants must be registered with the Internal Revenue Service as 501 C(6) tax-exempt organizations. OSDBU will enter into Cooperative Agreements with these organizations to provide liaison services between the DOT, its grantees, recipients, contractors, subcontractors, and minority, women-owned, small and disadvantaged business enterprises. This Announcement of Requests for Proposals contains information concerning: (1) The principal objectives of the competition, eligible applicants, activities and factors for an award; (2) the application process, including how to apply and the criteria used for selection; and (3) a checklist of application submission requirements.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the above location by August 29, 1997, 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered non-responsive and not reviewed. DOT plans to give notice of awards on all applications by September 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Marie Hendricks or Mr. Art Jackson, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Room 9414, Washington, DC, 20590, Tel. 202-366-2852 or 800-532-1169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Send proposals to Mrs. Marie Hendricks, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Room 9414, Washington, DC 20590.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

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