

carriers files rate to engage in the movement of DoD and United States Coast Guard sponsored shipments within the continental United States. Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command evaluates the rates and awards the traffic to low rate responsible carriers whose rates are responsive and most advantageous to the Government.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,160.

Number of Respondents: 1,580.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The method MTMC uses to procure rates for domestic personal property shipments is the voluntary submission by carriers during two intrastate filing cycles each year, May 1 to October 31 and November 1 to April 30. Historically, carriers file higher rates in the winter cycle. By accepting rates in two cycles the Government experiences lower costs during the summer months for the same services. If rates were filed less frequently, shipments would move at higher costs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources, Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, P.O. Box 61280, New Orleans, LA 70161-1280, ATTN: CEWRC-NDC-C (Doug Blakemore). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 325-8433.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) Program, ENG Form 7513, OMB Control Number 0710-0013.

Needs and Uses: The Corps uses the data from the program to satisfy its mission. The Corps is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the nation's waterway system to ensure efficient and safe passage of commercial and recreational vessels. The support and management of economically sound navigation projects are dependent upon reliable navigation data as mandated by the River and Harbor Appropriations Act of September 22, 1922 (42 Stat. 1043), as amended and codified in 33 U.S.C. 555. The data collected on this form provide baseline, essential waterborne transportation information necessary for the Corps to perform its mission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 17,600.

Number of Respondents: 14,300.

Responses per Respondent: 97,300.

Average Burden per Response: 11 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 28, 1998, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) designated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as the "central collection agency" for the U.S. Foreign Waterborne Transportation Statistics program effective October 1, 1998. The U.S. Bureau of Census (Census) was previously responsible for this program. As central collection agency for foreign waterborne transportation statistics, the Corps is responsible for meeting the

needs of other federal agencies who require these data. The Maritime Administration, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis also require these data.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-O1 (Elaine Krzanowski), 55 Patch Road, Building 56, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1052. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 695-5509.

Title: Army ROTC Referral Information, ROTC Form 155-R, OMB Control Number 0702-0111.

Needs and Uses: The Army ROTC Program produces approximately 75 percent of the newly commissioned officers for the U.S. Army. The Army ROTC must have the ability to attract quality men and women who will pursue college degrees. Currently, there are 13 recruiting teams (Goldminers) located in various places across the United States aiding in this cause. Their mission is to refer quality high school students to colleges and universities offering Army ROTC. Goldminers, two officer personnel, will collect ROTC Referral information at a high school campus and document it on ROTC Cadet Command Form 155-R.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 4,075.

Number of Respondents: 16,300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the information is to provide prospect referral data to a Professor of Military Science to contact individuals who have expressed an interest in Army ROTC. If Goldminers did not collect referral information, we would suffer a negative impact on the recruiting effort and subsequent commissioning of new officers for the U.S. Army.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Inland Waterways Users Board; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 302 of Public Law 99-662 established the Inland Waterways Users Board. The Board is an independent Federal advisory committee. The Secretary of the Army appoints its 11 members. This notice is to solicit nominations for five (5) appointments or reappointments to two-year terms that will begin after April 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310-0103. Attention: Inland Waterways Users Board Nominations Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) (703) 697-8986.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The selection, service, and appointment of Board members are covered by provisions of section 302 of Public Law 99-662. The substance of those provisions is as follows:

a. Selection. Members are to be selected from the spectrum of commercial carriers and shippers using the inland and intracoastal waterways, to represent geographical regions, and to be representative of waterborne commerce as determined by commodity ton-miles statistics.

b. Service. The Board is required to meet at least semi-annually to develop and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on waterways construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels for commercial navigation improvements, and report its recommendations annually to the Secretary and Congress.

c. Appointment. The operation of the Board and appointment of its members are subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) and departmental implementing regulations. Members serve without compensation but their expenses due to Board activities are reimbursable. The considerations specified in section 302 for the selection of the Board members, and certain terms used therein, have been interpreted, supplemented, or otherwise clarified as follows:

(1) Carriers and Shippers. The law uses the terms "primary users and shippers." Primary users have been interpreted to mean the providers of transportation services on inland waterways such as barge or towboat operators. Shippers have been interpreted to mean the purchasers of such services for the movement of commodities they own or control. Individuals are appointed to the Board, but they must be either a carrier or shipper, or represent a firm that is a carrier or shipper. For that purpose a trade or regional association is neither a shipper or primary user.

(2) Geographical Representation. The law specifies "various" regions. For the purpose of selecting Board members, the waterways subjected to fuel taxes and described in Public Law 95-502, as amended, have been aggregated into six regions. They are (1) the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries above the mouth of the Ohio; (2) the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries below the mouth of the Ohio and above Baton Rouge; (3) the Ohio

River and its tributaries; (4) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana and Texas; (5) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway east of New Orleans and associated fuel-taxed waterways including the Tennessee-Tombigbee, plus the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway below Norfolk; and (6) the Columbia-Snake Rivers System and Upper Willamette. The intent is that each region shall be represented by at least one Board member, with that representation determined by the regional concentration of the individual's traffic on the waterways.

(3) Commodity Representation.

Waterway commerce has been aggregated into six commodity categories based on "inland" ton-miles shown in Waterborne Commerce of the United States. These categories are (1) Farm and Food Products; (2) Coal and Coke; (3) Petroleum, Crude and Products; (4) Minerals, Ores, and Primary Metals and Mineral Products; (5) Chemicals and Allied Products; and (6) All other. A consideration in the selection of Board members will be that the commodities carried or shipped by those individuals or their firms will be reasonably representative of the above commodity categories.

d. Nomination. Reflecting preceding selection criteria, the current representation by the five (5) Board members whose terms expire April 5, 2004, is two members representing region 1, one member representing region 2, one member representing region 3, and one member representing region 6. Also, these Board members represent two carriers, one shipper, and two shipper/carriers. Three of the five members whose terms expire April 5, 2004, are eligible for reappointment. Nominations to replace Board members whose terms expire April 5, 2004, may be made by individuals, firms or associations. Nominations will:

(1) State the region to be represented.

(2) State whether the nominee is representing carriers, shippers or both.

(3) Provide information on the nominee's personal qualifications.

(4) Include the commercial operations of the carrier and/or shipper with whom the nominee is affiliated. This commercial operations information will show the actual or estimated ton-miles of each commodity carried or shipped on the inland waterways system in a recent year (or years) using the waterway regions and commodity categories previously listed.

Nominations received in response to **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 47525) published on July 19, 2002, have been retained for consideration.