applicant, the budget should set forth the minimum amount necessary to fund specific project components. As funding for the Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative) is limited, an application that can be scaled may receive additional consideration for funding.

8. Performance Measurement

Provide an approach for demonstrating the local, nationwide or regional impact of the project on the transit industry and broader employment opportunities, including the number of jobs directly supported or created by the program. The proposal should include a description of the applicant's plan for recording the outcomes and reporting in a Final Report, at a minimum, the following to FTA at the end of the project:

- The number of individuals affected by the project. Applicants should define ''affected individuals'' in terms that make sense for the proposed project.
  - For example, other common reported outcomes include:
    - Target Individuals (Veterans, Women, Youth, Incumbent Workers, etc.);
    - Number of eligible individuals entered into program;
    - Number of successful completers (completed training program, achieved applicable credential, etc.);
    - Number of placed new workers and/or advanced incumbent workers;
    - Number of retained workers after 90 days.
- The costs of the project and the share of federal investment.
- At least one measure of quality. Quantitative metrics are preferred, but qualitative metrics will be considered provided they are based on the experiences of those affected by the program (as opposed to the self-assessment of the applicant or partner agencies). Metrics could include, but are not limited to, survey results; exit interviews; longitudinal tracking of staff (during the period of performance only).
- A 1–2 page project description that will state the project's initial goals and measure achievements against those goals. This statement can also include ''lessons learned.''
- A 1–2 page statement of applicability to other entities. Once the program is complete, the applicant must describe how the project could be scaled and/or altered for application elsewhere, and what types of benefits could be realized by doing so.
- Any other performance measure that the applicant determines would describe the strengths and weaknesses of the project.

As part of the proposal, provide projections (for quantitative measures) or short hypotheses (for qualitative measures) of what type of impact/performance FTA could expect from the project.

9. Project Management

Describe the applicant's approach for managing and staffing the project, including the distribution of responsibilities among partner entities and an organizational chart, if applicable. Include responsibilities such as regular reporting, performance measurement, and technical/management interactions with FTA. Quarterly cost and activity progress reporting is required and can be submitted in the FTA electronics grant award system and by email submission to the FTA Workforce Program Manager. A template can be provided by FTA.

10. Project Staff

List each organization, operator, consultant, or other key individuals who will work on the project, along with short descriptions of their appropriate technical expertise and experience (such as past, relevant research). Attach resumes or curriculum vitae if available. Project staff resumes or curriculum vitae will not count towards the total page count for proposal submissions.

IV. Award Information

FTA will award grants of a minimum of $200,000 and a maximum of $1,000,000. FTA intends to award as many meritorious projects as possible, and may elect to award less than the amount requested by an applicant. In addition, geographic diversity and the applicant's receipt of other discretionary awards may be considered in FTA's award decisions.

a. Notification. After FTA has selected the proposals to be funded, successful applicants will be notified by email or telephone of their status. Upon notification of intent to award funds, FTA may withdraw its offer to provide Federal assistance if the recipient does not provide a formal application consistent with its proposal submission within 90 days following the date of the offer.

b. Execution of the FTA Agreement. Successful applicants will be instructed by FTA on how to execute their cooperative agreements in FTA's electronic grants management system.

c. Start Date and Incurred Costs. Absent special circumstances, costs incurred prior to FTA award are not eligible as project expenses. Absent highly unusual circumstances, FTA cannot retroactively approve a project. The recipient may begin to incur project costs as of the date the award letter is signed by FTA and the awardee executes the final signature. FTA expects grantees to implement the projects awarded as soon as possible and to fully expend grant funds during the period of performance, recognizing that full transparency and accountability are required for all expenditures.

V. Contacts for Additional Information

Prospective applicants may visit the following Web sites for more information:

- *http://www.fta.dot.gov.*
- For more on managing projects in accordance with FTA Circular 6100.1D: Transit Research and Technology Programs: Application Instructions and Program Management Guidelines: *http://fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_12669.html.* This Circular includes requirements on project management and administration including quarterly reporting, financial management, and payment.

For general program information, please use the contact information identified in the front of this notice. Please contact the Grants.gov Helpdesk for assistance with electronic applications at *http://www.grants.gov.* You also may contact *support@grants.gov* or call toll-free (800) 518–4726.

Therese W. McMillan,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 519 (Sub-No. 4)]

National Grain Car Council Meeting

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Grain Car Council (NGCC), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., app. 2 section 10(a)(2).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, beginning at 1 p.m. (CDT), and is expected to conclude at 5 p.m. (CDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Blu Minneapolis, 35 South

7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Phone (866) 460–7456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Forstall at (202) 245–0241 or *alfred.forstall@stb.dot.gov.* [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877–8339].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NGCC was established by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) as a working group to facilitate private-sector solutions and recommendations to the ICC (and now the Board) on matters affecting rail grain car availability and transportation. *Nat'l Grain Car Supply—Conference of Interested Parties*, EP 519, (ICC served Jan. 7, 1994).

The general purpose of this meeting is to discuss rail carrier preparedness to transport the 2014 grain harvest. Agenda items include the following: Remarks by Board Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III, Board Vice Chairman and NGCC Co-Chairman Deb Miller, and Commissioner Ann D. Begeman; a review of the upcoming harvest by Jay O'Neil, Senior Agricultural Economist, IGP Institute, Kansas State University; and follow-up responses, as well as discussions of related issues, by railroad, shipper, and manufacturer/lessor response panels. The full agenda, along with other information regarding the NGCC, is posted on the Board's Web site at *http://www.stb.dot.gov/stb/rail/graincar_council.html.*

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2; Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 102–3; the NGCC Charter; and Board procedures.

Public Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments to the NGCC at any time. Comments should be addressed to NGCC, c/o Fred Forstall, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001 or *alfred.forstall@stb.dot.gov.* Any further communications about this meeting will be announced through the STB Web site.

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

Decided: September 2, 2014.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina S. White,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Notice of the Data Transparency Town Hall Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury).

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Treasury's Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary will host a Data Transparency Town Hall meeting for the public to make presentations to federal employees (executives and key staff) who will be responsible for implementing the DATA Act, as indicated below. This notice is intended to notify public and private stakeholders, including the general public; individuals affiliated with state, local, and tribal governments; civic and professional organizations; and other interested parties, of the opportunity to present their individual views. Space is limited.

DATES: The town hall meeting will be held on September 26, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Treasury, Main Treasury Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Renata Maziarz, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 401 14th Street SW., Washington, DC 20227, Telephone 202–874–5732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On May 9, 2014, S. 994, known as the ''Digital Accountability and Transparency Act'' (DATA Act) (Pub. L. 113–101), was signed into law. The purpose of the Act is to establish government-wide financial data standards and increase the availability, accuracy, and usefulness of federal spending information.

Agenda: The purpose of the September 26, 2014 meeting is to allow public and private stakeholders to make presentations to federal employees (executives and key staff) who will be responsible for implementing the DATA Act regarding federal spending transparency and data standardization. Senior executives from Treasury, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the White House will make opening and closing remarks. Representatives from federal agencies will present on efforts to standardize federal financial management data. The rest of the meeting will feature presentations by members of public on the following:

(1) Why is federal spending transparency important? Stakeholder perspectives.

Goal: Hear from public and private stakeholders on the impact and need for spending transparency.

Questions:

A. What organization are you affiliated with, if any?

B. From your perspective, why is federal spending transparency important?

C. Where do you find federal spending information now?

D. How do you use federal spending information?

E. How would you use the additional information required by the DATA Act?

F. What suggestions do you have for prioritizing federal spending information enhancements?

(2) Transforming financial management reporting through standardized data exchanges.

Goal: Hear from experts that have implemented data exchange standards (e.g., Extensible Markup Language (XML), Xtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL), National Information Exchange Model (NIEM)) to increase transparency and reduce reporting burden.

Questions:

A. What organization are you affiliated with, if any?

B. How have non-proprietary industry standards for exchanging data been implemented?

C. How have you benefited from implementing the industry standard for exchanging data?

D. How have you increased transparency and/or reduced reporting burden by implementing the industry standard for exchanging data?

E. What suggestions and/or lessons learned do you have for the Federal Government in implementing standards for exchanging financial data?

(3) Technical Implementation: Industry Perspective.

Goal: Demonstrate what is possible from a technology perspective.

Questions:

A. What organization are you affiliated with, if any?

B. What is possible from a technical implementation perspective for improving access to data?

C. What is possible from a technical implementation perspective for displaying federal spending information in graph or other visual formats?

Procedures for notifying the Treasury of attendance: Persons wishing to attend the meeting should submit an RSVP electronically to Ms. Renata Maziarz at *Renata.Maziarz@fiscal.treasury.gov* and write ''September 26, 2014 Data Transparency Town Hall RSVP'' in the subject line, or by mail to Renata Maziarz, Bureau of the Fiscal Service,