

eligibility of the CBI countries and dependent territories that have expressed an interest in receiving the enhanced preferences of the CBTPA, the President must take into account the existing eligibility criteria of the CBERA, as well as several additional revised criteria elaborated in the CBTPA. These additional criteria are:

1. Whether the beneficiary country has demonstrated a commitment to undertake its obligations under the World Trade Organization (WTO) on or ahead of schedule and participate in negotiations toward the completion of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) or another free trade agreement.

2. The extent to which the country provides protection of intellectual property rights consistent with or greater than the protection afforded under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

3. The extent to which the country provides internationally recognized worker rights, including: The right of association; the right to organize and bargain collectively; a prohibition on the use of any form of forced or compulsory labor; a minimum age for the employment of children; and acceptable conditions of work with respect to minimum wages, hours of work, and occupational safety and health.

4. Whether the country has implemented its commitments to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, as defined in section 507(6) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2467(6)).

5. The extent to which the country has met U.S. counter-narcotics certification criteria under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

6. The extent to which the country has taken steps to become a party to and implements the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption.

7. The extent to which the country applies transparent, nondiscriminatory, and competitive procedures in government procurement, and contributes to efforts in international fora to develop and implement international rules on transparency in government procurement.

### III. Requirements for Submissions

The TPSC must receive your comments by the August 30, 2019 deadline. You must make all submissions in English via <http://www.regulations.gov>, using Docket Number USTR–2019–0007. USTR will not accept hand-delivered submissions.

To make a submission using <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the appropriate docket number in the

“search for” field on the home page and click “search.” The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting “notice” under “document type” in the “filter results by” section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled “comment now.” You must identify on the first page of the submission the subject matter of the comment as the “CBI Report to Congress.” The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website offers the option of providing comments by filling in a “type comment” field or by attaching a document using the “upload file(s)” field. The TPSC prefers that you provide submissions in an attached document and note “see attached” in the “type comment” field on the online submission form.

The TPSC prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If the submission is in another file format, please indicate the name of the software application in the “Type Comment” field. File names should reflect the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the comment itself, rather than submitting them as separate files. Submissions should not exceed 30 single-spaced, standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments.

You will receive a tracking number upon completion of the submission procedure at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The tracking number is confirmation that [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) received the submission. Keep the confirmation for your records. The TPSC is not able to provide technical assistance for the website. The TPSC may not consider documents you do not submit in accordance with these instructions. If you are unable to provide submissions as requested, please contact Magaly Garcia, Director for Bolivia, Ecuador, and the Caribbean, at [magaly.a.garcia@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:magaly.a.garcia@ustr.eop.gov), to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

### IV. Business Confidential Submissions

If you ask the TPSC to treat information you submitted as business confidential information (BCI), you must certify that the information is business confidential and you would not customarily release it to the public. You must clearly designate BCI by marking the submission “BUSINESS

CONFIDENTIAL” at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page, and indicating, via brackets, the specific information that is BCI. Additionally, you must include “Business Confidential” in the “type comment” field. For any submission containing BCI, you must separately submit a non-confidential version, *i.e.*, not as part of the same submission with the confidential version, indicating where BCI has been redacted. The TPSC will post the non-confidential version in the docket and it will be open to public inspection.

### V. Public Viewing of Review Submissions

The TPSC will post comments in the docket for public inspection, except business confidential information. You can view comments on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website by entering the relevant docket number in the search field on the home page. You can find general information about the Office of the United States Trade Representative on its website: <http://www.ustr.gov>.

**Edward Gresser,**

*Chair of the Trade Policy Staff Committee,  
Office of the United States Trade  
Representative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2019–0024]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for approval of a new information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a new information collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on May 3, 2019. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by August 26, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments within 30 days to the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. All comments should include the Docket No. FHWA-2019-0024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Damaris Santiago, 202-366-2034, Department of Transportation, FHWA, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, E76-201, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FHWA Environmental Excellence Awards.

*Background:* In 1995 FHWA established the biennial Environmental Excellence Awards to recognize partners, projects, and processes that use FHWA funding sources to go beyond environmental compliance and achieve environmental excellence. The Environmental Excellence Awards also recognize partners, projects, and processes that exemplify innovation and commitment to the human environment, and organization and process innovation. Awardees must make an outstanding contribution that goes beyond traditional transportation projects and that encourages environmental stewardship and partnerships to achieve a truly multi-faceted, environmentally sensitive transportation solution.

*Award:* Anyone can nominate a project, process, person or group that has used FHWA funding sources to make an outstanding contribution to transportation and the environment. The nominator is responsible for submitting an application via the FHWA Environmental Excellence Awards website that gives a summary of the outstanding accomplishments of the entry. The collected information will be used by FHWA to evaluate the project, showcase environmental excellence, and enhance the public's knowledge of environmental stewardship in the planning and project development process. Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges from varying

backgrounds. It is anticipated that awards will be given every 2 years. The winners are presented plaques at an awards ceremony.

*Respondents:* Anyone who has used FHWA funding sources in the 50 States, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

*Frequency:* The information will be collected biennially.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 8 hours per respondent per application.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* It is expected that the respondents will complete approximately 150 applications for an estimated total of 1200 annual burden hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued On: July 16, 2019.

**Michael Howell,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0015]

#### **Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel BETTINA VITA (Motor Vessel); Invitation for Public Comments**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has

been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 26, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2019-0115 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2019-0115 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2019-0115, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Note:* If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel BETTINA VITA is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*

“Coastwise Charter for 6 Passengers or less”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island” (Base of Operations: Miami, FL)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 73' motor vessel

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2019-0115 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties