

Background: Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to promulgate regulations governing the registration of for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities (49 U.S.C. 13902), surface transportation freight forwarders (49 U.S.C. 13903), and property brokers (49 U.S.C. 13904).

Under 49 U.S.C. 13905, each registration is effective from the date specified and remains in effect for such period as the Secretary determines appropriate by regulation. Section 13905(c) grants the Secretary the authority to amend or revoke a registration at the registrant's request. On complaint, or on the Secretary's own initiative, the Secretary may also suspend, amend, or revoke any part of the registration of a motor carrier, broker, or freight forwarder for willful failure to comply with the regulations, an order of the Secretary, or a condition of its registration.

Form OCE-46 is used by transportation entities to voluntarily apply for revocation of their registration authority in whole or in part. FMCSA uses the form to seek information concerning the registrant's docket number, name and address, and the reasons for the revocation request. This ICR is being revised due to an increase in the estimated number of annual respondents from 3,250 to 3,700.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this revised information collection request, including: (1) The necessity and usefulness of the information collection for FMCSA to meet its goal in reducing truck crashes; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden 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.

Issued on: August 17, 2010.

Kelly Leone,

Director, Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. EP 699]

Assessment of Mediation and Arbitration Procedures

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board (Board), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Board seeks comments on matters relating to the use of mediation and arbitration as effective means of resolving disputes that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction. Depending upon the Board's assessment of the comments received, the Board may propose revisions to its current rules or propose new rules in order to encourage the use of mediation and arbitration in the resolution of disputes. If so, the proposed changes or new rules would be published and made available for review and comment in a subsequent notice.

DATES: Comments are due on October 25, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's Web site, at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 699, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Copies of written comments will be available for viewing and self-copying at the Board's Public Docket Room, Room 131, and will be posted to the Board's Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Farr at 202-245-0359. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board favors private sector resolutions of disputes as an alternative to its formal processes where possible. To that end, the Board has rules in place that allow for mediation and arbitration of matters subject to its jurisdiction. The Board's mediation rules are set forth at 49 CFR 1109.1, 1109.4, 1111.2, 1111.9, and 1111.10. Its arbitration rules are set forth at 49 CFR 1108, 1109.1, 1109.2, and 1115.8.

The Board seeks input regarding measures it can implement to encourage greater use of mediation and arbitration

procedures, including changes to the Board's existing rules and establishment of new rules. The Board also seeks input regarding possible changes to its rules to permit the use of Board-facilitated mediation procedures without the filing of a formal complaint. In addition to being reviewed by the Board, the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) will review the comments and prepare a report to the Board reflecting the input of its members on this issue.¹

Based upon the comments from interested persons and RSTAC's input, the Board will decide whether to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) at a later date. We will invite comment on the NPRM before issuance of any final rule.

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

It is ordered:

1. Comments as described above are due by October 25, 2010.

2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

Decided: August 18, 2010.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Nottingham.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program Funds

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Bus and Bus Facilities Livability program announcement of project selections.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects funded with Bus and Bus Facilities program funds in support of DOT's Livability Initiative, which was announced in the Bus

¹ RSTAC is an advisory board established by Federal law to advise the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Board on issues related to rail freight, with particular attention to issues of importance to small shippers and railroads. By statute, RSTAC members are appointed by the Board's chairman. Representatives of rail customers, Class I railroads, and small railroads sit on RSTAC. The Board's members and the U.S. Secretary of Transportation are RSTAC *ex officio*, nonvoting members. (49 U.S.C. 726.)