

medical requirements are submitted on occasion by the respondents.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 1,186,898 hours [1,184,046 hours for medical examination form and certificate (3,229,215 certificates $\times$ 22 minutes/60 minutes per hour + 11 hours for resolution of medical conflicts (3 cases $\times$ 1 hour each to prepare, plus 8 hours for one hearing) + 92 hours for SPE certificates (2,100 certificates $\times$ 1 minute/60 minutes for motor carriers + 1,700 renewals $\times$ 2 minutes/60 minutes) + 946 hours for vision exemptions (168 new vision exemptions + 750 vision exemptions $\times$ 1 hour each + 28 hours for motor carriers to retain a copy in the driver's DQ file) + 1,800 for diabetes exemptions (1,200 exemptions $\times$ 90 minutes/60 minutes) + 3 (or 3.3 rounded) hours for doctors certificate for drivers of migrant workers (100 certificates $\times$ 2 minutes/60 minutes) = 1,186,898 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 FMCSA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25652]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Notice of Intent To Survey Motor Carriers Operating Small Passenger-Transporting Commercial Motor Vehicles

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA invites comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information

collection. The new information collection is associated with an agency study by a research contractor which will investigate motor carriers that operate small passenger-transporting commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). The collected information would assist FMCSA with outreach initiatives to these newly regulated motor carriers of passengers. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25652. You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to 202/493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may examine and copy all comments received at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire your comment to be acknowledged, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Chandler, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Office of Enforcement and Compliance, Commercial Passenger Carrier Safety Division, Washington, DC 20590, phone (202) 366-5763, fax (202) 366-3621, e-mail peter.chandler@dot.gov, Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 12, 2003, FMCSA published a final rule (68 FR 47860) which required motor carriers operating CMVs, designed or used to transport between 9 and 15 passengers (including the driver), in interstate commerce to comply with the parts 391 through 396 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) when they are directly compensated for such services, and the vehicle is operated beyond a 75 air-mile radius from the driver's normal work-reporting location. Affected motor carriers were required to be in compliance with such regulations by December 10, 2003. This rule implemented section 212 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999. Section 4136 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU) directed FMCSA to remove the 75 air-mile radius standard. This legislation will result in a greater number of motor

carriers that operate small passenger-transporting CMVs, being subject to the FMCSRs. In order to effectively inform these motor carriers of the regulatory requirements that they will become subject to, and administer an effective educational outreach program to this entire industry segment, FMCSA needs information about all of these motor carriers.

Because motor carriers that operate small passenger-carrying CMVs have either been newly regulated or will be regulated in the near future, FMCSA wants to learn about the safety and/or regulatory compliance challenges of this industry segment. There is no motor carrier industry association that is comprised mostly of commercial companies that primarily operate 9-15 passenger-carrying vehicles. This situation makes obtaining information about this industry segment more difficult and necessitates the assistance of a researcher to obtain information needed by FMCSA to effectively provide outreach to these newly regulated carriers. FMCSA will request a research contractor to obtain information about motor carriers with small passenger-transporting CMV operations. The research contractor will collect information through approximately 50 telephone interviews and 8 site visits at places of business. Information obtained from the study will provide insight into the common safety and regulatory compliance challenges facing motor carriers with small passenger-transporting CMV operations. Such information will be utilized by FMCSA to develop educational outreach initiatives for this newly regulated industry segment.

Title: Survey of Motor Carriers with Small Passenger Vehicle Operations.

Type of Information Collection Request: New one-time survey/information collection.

Respondents: For-hire motor carriers that operate 9-15 passenger-carrying vehicles in interstate commerce.

Number of Respondents: 50 motor carriers.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The estimated average burden per response for each telephone survey is 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 25 hours for the information collection based upon an acceptable level of statistical significance and a confidence interval of 13.6 percent.

Total Annual Burden: 25 hours [(50 responses $\times$ 30 minutes per response)/60 minutes = 25 hours].

Frequency: This information collection will be a single, nonrecurring event.

Public Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of FMCSA and specifically the regulatory oversight of small passenger-transporting commercial motor vehicle operations; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25853]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Clearance of a New Information Collection: FMCSA COMPASS Portal Customer Satisfaction Assessment

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA invites public comment on its plan to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection (IC). The collection involves the assessment of FMCSA's strategic decision to integrate its Information Technology (IT) with its business processes using portal technology to consolidate its systems and databases and launch a modernization initiative to create the FMCSA COMPASS Portal. The information to be collected will be

used to assess the satisfaction of Federal, State and industry customers with the FMCSA COMPASS Portal. FMCSA is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to publish this notice in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25853. You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to (202) 493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. You may examine and copy all comments received at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire your comment to be acknowledged, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Coleman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; phone: (202) 366-4440; fax: (202) 493-0679; e-mail: bill.coleman@dot.gov. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FMCSA Portal Customer Satisfaction Assessment.

OMB Control No: 2126-xxxx.

Background

Title II, section 207 of the E-Government Act of 2002 requires Government agencies to improve the methods by which government information, including information on the Internet, is organized, preserved, and made accessible to the public. FMCSA has made a strategic decision to integrate its IT with its business processes as it consolidates its systems and databases and launches a modernization initiative called COMPASS. COMPASS is FMCSA's agency wide initiative to improve its business processes; integrate them with the Agency's information systems; and make them more seamless, secure, and supportive of the Agency's mission of saving lives in the years to come.

FMCSA's 21 information systems are currently operational. However, having this many stand-alone systems has led to data quality concerns, a need for excessive IDs and passwords, and significant operational and maintenance costs. Integrating our information

technologies with our business processes will, in turn, improve our operations considerably, particularly in terms of data quality, ease of use, and reduction of maintenance costs.

In early 2007, FMCSA will launch the first of a series of releases of new IT applications to its Federal, State, and industry customers. Over the coming years, more than 15 releases are planned, with four planned for the next 3 years. These releases will use "portal technology" to pull together numerous services and functions on a single screen and provide tailored services that seek to meet the needs of specific constituencies within our customer universe. The FMCSA COMPASS Portal will entail considerable expenditure of Federal Government dollars over the years and fundamentally impact the nature of the relationship between the Agency and its Federal, State, and industry customers. Consequently, the Agency intends to conduct regular and ongoing assessments of customer satisfaction with COMPASS.

The primary purposes of this assessment is to determine the extent to which newly released FMCSA COMPASS Portal services meet the needs of Agency customers, identify and prioritize additional modifications, and determine the extent that the Portal has affected FMCSA's relationships with its main customer groups. The assessment will address:

- Overall customer satisfaction;
- Customer satisfaction with specific items;
- Performance of contractor (for the system) against established objectives;
- Desired adjustments and modifications to systems;
- Value of investment to FMCSA and DOT;
- Features that customers like best; and
- Customer ideas for improving the site.

Respondents: Federal, State, and motor carrier industry customers/users.

Frequency: Three times per year (or every 120 days).

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,105 hours [(5 minutes to complete survey × 3 times per year/60 minutes × 140,000 annual industry respondents × .70 (70%) response rate = 24,500) × (5 minutes to complete survey × 3 times per year/60 minutes × 2,691 State government users × .90 (90%) response rate) = 25,105]

Public Comments Invited

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection,