

persons for Federal and federally-assisted programs. It prohibits the provision of relocation assistance and payments to persons not legally in the United States (with certain exceptions).

**Respondents:** State highway agencies, local government highway agencies, and airport sponsors receiving financial assistance for expenditures of Federal funds on acquisition and relocation payments and required services to displaced persons.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,443 for file maintenance and 52 state highway agencies for statistical reports.

**Average Annual Burden Per**

**Respondent:** 8.5 hours.

**Estimated Total Burden on Respondents:** 29,043 hours.

These information collections are available for inspection at the Office of Real Estate services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, at the address above.

**Comments are invited on:** (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department'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 collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice, will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 26, 2001.

**Randall Bennett,**

*Director, Office of Aviation Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-9977]

#### **Recreational Boating Safety Projects, Programs and Activities Funded Under Provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; Accounting of**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Subsection (c) of section 7405 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century makes \$5,000,000 available each of five fiscal years to the Secretary

of Transportation for personnel and activities directly related to coordinating and carrying out the national recreational boating safety program. The Act requires that the Secretary publish annually in the **Federal Register** a detailed accounting of the projects, programs, and activities under this subsection.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U. S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and at <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Captain Scott Evans, USCG, Chief, Office of Boating Safety, telephone 202-267-1077, fax 202-267-4285, or Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Chief, Program Management Division, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century became law on June 9, 1998. The Act requires that of the \$5 million made available to carry out the national recreational boating safety program, each year, \$2,000,000 shall be available only to ensure compliance with Chapter 43 of title 46, U.S. Code—Recreational Vessels. The responsibility to administer these funds is delegated to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. The statute directs that no funds available to the Secretary under this subsection may be used to replace funding traditionally provided through general appropriations, nor for any purposes except those purposes authorized; namely, for personnel and activities directly related to coordinating and carrying out the national recreational boating safety program. Amounts made available each fiscal year, 1999–2003, shall remain available until expended. Use of these funds requires compliance with standard Federal contracting rules with associated lead and processing times resulting in a lag time between available funds and spending. The following activities have been initiated using fiscal year 1999–2001 funds transferred to the Coast Guard from the Aquatic Resources (Wallop-Breaux) Trust Fund. The total amount of fiscal year 1999, 2000 and 2001 funding committed, obligated and/or expended for each activity is shown.

**Factory Visit Program:** An initial contract was awarded to establish a national recreational boat factory visit program using contractor personnel. The contract included the development of a plan of action and an eighteen-month pilot program to validate the elements of the plan and the concept of

the program. The pilot program commenced in the summer of 2000. "Compliance associates" (inspectors) were trained and formal factory visits were initiated in January 2001. The factory visit program allows contractor personnel, acting on behalf of the Coast Guard, to visit approximately 2,000 recreational boat manufacturers each year to inspect for compliance with the Federal regulations, communicate with the manufacturers as to why they need to comply with the Federal regulations, and educate them, as necessary, on how to comply with the Federal regulations. (\$2,981,840)

**Boat Compliance Testing:** Funding is providing for expansion of the boat compliance testing program whereby new manually propelled and outboard recreational boats are purchased in the open market and tested for compliance with the Federal flotation standards. The expanded program will include inboard/sterndrive boats and used boats. (\$244,000)

**Associated Equipment Compliance Testing:** A contract was awarded to buy recreational boat "associated equipment," e.g., starters, alternators, fuel pumps, bilge pumps, etc., and test this equipment for compliance with Federal safety regulations. This new initiative complements the boat compliance testing program. (\$182,446)

**Compliance Associated Travel:** Travel by employees of the Office of Boating Safety is being performed to carry out additional compliance actions and to gather background and planning information for new compliance initiatives. (\$27,568)

**New Boat Manufacturer Outreach Package:** A contract was awarded to design and develop a comprehensive and user-friendly outreach package for distribution to new recreational boat manufacturers. Included are a brochure and video that outline the many facets of the recreational boat manufacturing business, including, Federal regulations, voluntary standards, self-certification, financial aspects, insurance concerns, liability issues, points of contact and the steps necessary to become a new recreational boat manufacturer. The package also includes plain language guidelines that help clarify Federal requirements. The new outreach package is aimed at increasing the level of new recreational boat manufacturer compliance with applicable Federal regulations. (\$357,582)

**National Boating Survey:** A contract has been awarded for a comprehensive major national recreational boating survey scheduled to be conducted during the fall of 2001. The purpose of this project is to obtain up-to-date

statistical estimates of recreational boats, boating households, boaters, boating exposures, practices and activities for the 2001 boating season. This data will be extrapolated to produce national, regional and state estimates of boat use as well as the characteristics of boat operators, passengers, boats and the operating environment (\$1,528,514). Additionally, \$800,000 has been set aside for a subsequent national survey.

**Boating Accident Report Database (BARD):** A contract has been awarded to enhance the capability of all States and the Coast Guard for the successful electronic exchange, management, and reporting of recreational boating accident report data using the BARD software application. This contract provides for software module development, software module testing, applicable rework, implementation, maintenance, and technical support for the user community in the 50 States, five Territories, and the District of Columbia. (\$765,697)

**State Incident Notification:** The Coast Guard Search and Rescue Management Information System (SARMIS) software has been modified to electronically notify the relevant State boating law administrators regarding any fatal recreational boating incident cases to which the Coast Guard responds. The intent of this notification is to ensure that these cases are captured in the accident report data submitted by the State boating law administrators to the Boating Accident Report Database (BARD). (\$12,678)

**Articulated Mannequins/Computer Simulation Model:** The objective of this contracted program is to improve the safety of recreational boaters by fostering developmental technology for improved personal flotation devices (PFDs). This program is furthering development of flotation mannequins and a water forces computer simulation program to promote the rapid, objective evaluation of different PFD designs on various body types that are representative of the recreational boating population. The computer simulation program will be validated through the use of a family of anthropomorphic, articulated mannequins. Under the contract to develop the articulated mannequins and computer simulation model, a male model has been built and is almost perfected. Next, female and child mannequins will be built. The development of a computer simulation program will facilitate evaluation of the effectiveness of new and unique PFD designs. (\$270,723)

**Risk-Based Personal Flotation Device Approval Process:** This contracted effort will improve the approval process for personal flotation devices (PFDs) by developing a risk-based compliance system that is based on an objective Life Saving Index. This index will provide a formal structure and consistency to the process for accepting new approaches to designing devices for drowning prevention. The risk-based process identifies critical factors for evaluating PFD lifesaving potential and defines the minimum level of performance necessary for approval. (\$211,086)

**Carbon Monoxide Research:** The Office of Boating Safety has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Public Health Service, Federal Occupational Health Program to continue investigation into identifying and classifying additional recreational boating carbon monoxide related deaths and injuries. (\$238,025)

**Houseboat Manufacturers Workshop/Conference Support:** Funding provided support services for a Coast Guard-sponsored gathering of the houseboat industry to explore potential design solutions to the carbon monoxide poisonings that have occurred on recreational houseboats. (\$17,030)

**Hull Identification Number (HIN) Economic Analysis:** The objective of this contracted effort is to provide the Coast Guard with a cost/benefit analysis on the effects of expanding the current 12-character HIN to a 17-character HIN for all newly constructed recreational boats. (\$47,626)

**Virtual Reality Personal Watercraft (PWC):** A virtual reality PWC was developed under contract to provide a platform to gather objective data on operator reactions to various scenarios. This information would otherwise be unobtainable or would require more costly methods and sources, due to the risk of injury to the operator as well as due to the difficulty of accurately replicating conditions for all operators. The virtual reality PWC will be used in various test scenarios to collect human factors data including the measurement of reactive movements and reaction time that will assist in making decisions or taking action to improve personal watercraft safety. The data from this effort will give greater insight into the human/machine interface related to PWC operation and will assist in the effort to attempt to reduce PWC accidents. (\$133,628)

**Knowledge Management System:** The first phase of this three-phase contracted effort entailed the development of a comprehensive Knowledge Management plan for automating office processes in

the Office of Boating Safety. The second phase, when implemented, will install document imaging software to capture and fully automate product assurance and consumer files and provide support that will ultimately enhance efficiency in supporting customers, partners and stakeholders. The third phase, if implemented, would provide quicker, more effective and efficient program oversight while providing customers with the ability to do business with the Coast Guard via web-based technology, thus enabling the Coast Guard to reduce the amount of paper transactions involved in servicing external customers. This system will assist in the electronic monitoring, storage and daily use of information and materials within the Office of Boating Safety. (\$380,787)

**Coast Guard Infoline/Office of Boating Safety Website:** Funding has been provided for both technological and educational enhancements to the toll free Coast Guard Infoline and the Office of Boating Safety Website to create a "one-stop" customer service center. The Infoline provides information about safety, regulations, communications, Coast Guard policy, and available material related to boating safety issues. Additionally, this effort provides a complete interactive recreational boating safety website that offers the public and boating safety agencies and organizations real-time information on every aspect of recreational boating safety. One of the goals of this program is to create a "one-stop" customer service center for all users. (\$387,628)

**Federal Requirements Publication:** A customer-friendly "Federal Requirements and Safety Tips for Recreational Boats" publication was developed based on easy-to-read, high visibility graphics, and with subject-specific safety tips that promote high retention by the reader. Both hard copy and electronic interactive versions have been created for the public. The enhanced Federal Requirements brochure is being widely distributed, and in addition, can be downloaded from the Office of Boating Safety Website (<http://www.uscgboating.org>). (\$254,429)

**Emergency Radio Call Procedures Decal:** An emergency radio call procedures decal was produced and disseminated that provides the recreational boater with the proper procedures to use in making an emergency or distress call via VHF-FM Channel 16. This decal will be distributed via the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, and State boating offices, as well as U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Bureau of

Land Management. This item also supports the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons and States. The VSC program is a free service provided by these organizations offering a safety check of recreational boats 65' or less in length. (\$25,810)

*Aids to Navigation Booklet: A full-color booklet, "U.S. Aids to Navigation System,"* was produced to assist recreational boaters in better understanding the use and identification of navigational aids. This booklet is now used as an educational adjunct to the safe boating classes taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U. S. Power Squadrons, and many of the States. It is also distributed in conjunction with the Vessel Safety Check program. (\$80,000)

*"Operation BoatSmart" Support:* Funding is providing support to "Operation BoatSmart." This new multi-year initiative undertaken by the Coast Guard and other boating safety organizations aims to energize recreational boating safety programs by strengthening and extending partnerships at the national, State and local levels. Through combined and coordinated efforts, the BoatSmart partners are targeting those activities and behaviors that entail the greatest risk for the recreational boater. "Operation BoatSmart" is bringing together these organizations to work in tandem to promote a positive change in boater awareness and behavior, with special emphasis on inland waters where most recreational boating takes place. Special emphasis is focused on encouraging life jacket wear, boater education, and scrupulous enforcement of boating under the influence laws by appropriate authorities. (\$112,055)

*Recreational Boating Safety Program Marketing Support:* A national marketing, awareness and education campaign in support of "Operation BoatSmart," as well as America's Boating Course, Boating Under the Influence Campaign, and the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Program has been funded. America's Boating Course is a joint boating safety education course developed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons, supported by the Coast Guard. This course, available via CD-Rom or Internet will set the standard for recreational boating safety in our country. The Boating Under the Influence (BUI) campaign, "It's a Different World on the Water," is a multi-year effort to educate the recreational boater about the hazards of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The marketing plan will utilize

nationally recognized cartoon characters, Popeye and Olive Oyl, to advertise the VSC program to the boating public at marinas, yacht clubs, boat storage facilities, retail outlets and other recreational outlets. (\$98,935)

*Seventeenth Coast Guard District Boating Safety Detachment:* Funding was provided on a one-time, non-recurring basis to the Seventeenth Coast Guard District in support of a Coast Guard Boating Safety Detachment to assist in the transition of the State of Alaska's assumption of Recreational Boating Safety Program responsibilities. (\$25,000)

*National Boating Registration System:* As a service for States/Territories that currently have inadequate (or no) computer software program to maintain their vessel numbering system information, funding was provided to the U.S. Coast Guard Operations Systems Center (OSC) to develop a National Boating Registration System software program that can easily be adapted by any State/Territory for their own use. The software that has been provided to States/Territories at no cost includes a function to automatically generate the annual report on numbered vessels that must be submitted to the Coast Guard each year. (\$25,000)

*Marine Dealer Literature Display Racks:* Display racks for U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary literature were purchased to improve distribution of boating safety literature. These display racks are intended to be used at retail outlets and marine dealers. (\$23,725)

*Personnel Support:* Funding is providing for personnel to support the development of new regulations, to support new contracting activities associated with the additional funding, and to monitor and manage the contracts awarded. (\$281,428)

A total of \$8,713,240 of the \$15,000,000 made available to the Coast Guard through annual transfers of \$5 million in fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001, has been committed, obligated or expended as of June 15, 2001, and \$800,000 is being held for a national boating survey.

Dated: June 20, 2001.

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*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request to Release Airport Property at the Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field, Everett, WA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release airport property.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. J. Wade Bryant, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Seattle Airports District Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Dave Waggoner, Airport Director, 3220-100th Street, SW., Everett, Washington 98204-1390.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Cayla Morgan, Project Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Seattle Airports District Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location, by appointment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field under the provisions of the AIR 21.

On June 26, 2001, the FAA determined that the request to release property at Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field submitted by the county met the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 155. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than August 13, 2001.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field requests the release of 10.60 acres of non-aeronautical airport property to the Snohomish County Public Works Department. The purpose of this release