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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grants Program for Projects Not Located on the Northeast Corridor

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO or notice); Extension and Supplemental Funding Notice.

SUMMARY: FRA is adding funding and extending the application submittal period for its Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 NOFO for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (FSP Program) for projects not located on the Northeast Corridor published on December 7, 2022. The basis for the funding increase and extension is the appropriation of additional amounts for the FSP Program from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, together with the government's goal of efficiently administering such funds.

DATES: The original due date was March 7, 2023. The period for submitting applications to the NOFO published on December 7, 2022, is extended. Applications must now be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on April 21, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this Notice, please contact the FRA NOFO Support program staff via email at FRA-NOFO-Support@dot.gov.

Amendment

FRA amends its FY 2022 NOFO for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (FSP Program) for projects not located on the Northeast Corridor published December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75119) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-12-07/pdf/2022-26610.pdf>. by: (1) adding up to an additional \$2,283,150,000 for a total of up to \$4,566,300,000 and (2) extending the period for submitting applications to April 21, 2023.

Section B.1. Federal Award Information/Available Award Amount is deleted in its entirety, and the following is substituted therefore:

B. Federal Award Information

1. Available Award Amount

The total funding available for awards under this NOFO is up to \$4,566,300,000 made available by IJA supplemental appropriations, the Appropriations Act, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328, December 29, 2022), as follows:

a. Up to \$4,464,000,000 in IJA supplemental appropriations: Title VIII of Division J of IJA provided \$36,000,000,000 in supplemental appropriations for the FSP Program, with not more than \$24,000,000,000 made available for projects for the NEC and thus at least \$12,000,000,000 of such funds made available for FSP-National (\$2,400,000,000 made available per year for fiscal years 2022 through 2026). After the funding set aside for FRA award and project management oversight and the planning and development activities authorized at 49 U.S.C. 24911(k), up to \$4,464,000,000 in funding made available for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 is made available for FSP Program awards under this FSP-National NOFO.

b. Up to \$102,300,000 in fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 annual appropriations: The appropriations acts for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 provided \$200,000,000 for the FSP Program. Consistent with 49 U.S.C. 24911(d)(3), a minimum of 45 percent and a maximum of 55 percent of this amount is for FSP-National, of which not less than 20 percent (a minimum of \$16,740,000) shall be for projects that benefit (in whole or in part) a long-distance route. After the funding set aside for FRA award and project management oversight and the planning and development activities authorized at 49 U.S.C. 24911(k), at least \$83,700,000 and up to \$102,300,000 in fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 annual funding is made available for FSP Program awards under this FSP-National NOFO.

Should additional FSP-National funds become available after the release of this NOFO, FRA may elect to award such additional funds to applications received under this NOFO. Any selection and award under this NOFO is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2023-0013]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: WANDERLUST (Motor); 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 issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2023-0013 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2023-0013 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-2023-0013, 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, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in