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DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before January 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2023–2111 using any of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael H. Harrison, AIR–646, Federal Aviation Administration, phone 206–231–3368, email Michael.Harrison@faa.gov.

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Manager, Integration and Performance.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2023–2111.

Petitioner: Software Development Alternatives, Inc.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: § 21.603(a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: Software Development Alternatives, Inc. (SDA) is seeking relief from 14 Code of Federal Regulations, § 21.603(a)(1), which requires in pertinent part, an applicant for a technical standard order (TSO) authorization must apply in the form and manner prescribed by the FAA and that the applicant must include a statement of conformance certifying that the applicant has met the requirements of this subpart and that the article concerned meets the applicable TSOs that were effective on the date of application for that article. Specifically, SDA is proposing the FAA grant an exemption to allow a TSOA submittal for the article to be evaluated against TSO–C160 and TSO–C113, which were effective when the article was approved for manufacture by the FAA on March 7th, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Request for Nominations for the Working Group on Covered Resources to the Federal Highway Administration

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice to solicit members for the Working Group on Covered Resources.

SUMMARY: The FHWA announces a request for nominations to the Working Group on Covered Resources (Working Group). The Working Group members will be appointed for a term of 2 years. The Working Group will conduct a study on access to covered resources for infrastructure projects. In carrying out the study, the Working Group shall analyze the use of covered resources in transportation projects funded with Federal dollars; how the proximity of covered resources to such projects affects the cost and environmental impact of those projects; whether and how State, Tribal, and local transportation and planning agencies consider covered resources when developing transportation projects; and any challenges for transportation project sponsors regarding access and proximity to covered resources. The Working Group shall submit to the Secretary of Transportation the findings of its study and any recommendations to preserve access to and reduce the costs and environmental impacts of covered resources in infrastructure projects.

DATES: The deadline for nominations for the Working Group membership is March 11, 2024.

ADDRESSES: All nomination materials should be emailed to Richard.Duval@dot.gov or mailed attention to Designated Federal Officer Mr. Richard Duval c/o Mrs. Gina Ahlstrom, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Infrastructure, Room E75–332, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Any person needing accessibility accommodations should contact Richard Duval at (202) 515–1030.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard B. Duval, Office of Infrastructure, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 515–1030 or via email at Richard.Duval@dot.gov; or Ms. Alissa Dolan, Office of the Chief Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 631–3393 or via email at Alissa.Dolan@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 11526 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58), requires the establishment of a “Working Group on Covered Resources.” The term “covered resource” means a common variety material used in transportation infrastructure construction and maintenance, including stone, sand, and gravel. The Working Group will conduct a study on access to covered resources for infrastructure projects. Pursuant to BIL section 11526(d), in carrying out the study, the Working Group shall analyze the use of covered resources in transportation projects funded with Federal dollars; how the proximity of covered resources to such projects affects the cost and environmental impact of those projects; whether and how State, Tribal, and local transportation and planning agencies consider covered resources when developing transportation projects; and any challenges for transportation project sponsors regarding access and proximity to covered resources.

In conducting this study, BIL section 11526(e) requires the Working Group to consult, as appropriate, with chief executive officers of States; State, Tribal, and local transportation and planning agencies; other relevant State, Tribal, and local agencies, including State agencies associated with covered resources protection; members of the public with industry experience with respect to covered resources; other Federal entities that provide funding for transportation projects; and any other stakeholder the Working Group determines appropriate.

In accordance with BIL section 11526(f)(1), not later than 2 years after the Working Group is established, it shall submit to the Secretary the findings of its study, including a summary of comments received during the consultation process required by section 11526(e), and any recommendations to preserve access to and reduce the costs and environmental impacts of covered resources in infrastructure projects. The Secretary will then submit to Congress a summary of the findings of the Working Group's report and any recommendations, as appropriate.

In accordance with section 9 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and as directed by BIL section 11526(b), the Secretary has established the Working Group on Covered Resources. This document gives notice of the member nomination process to potential participants and affords them the opportunity to request representation on the Working Group. The procedure for requesting such representation is set out below. FHWA is aware that there are many more potential organizations and participants than there are membership slots on the Working Group. Organizations and participants should be prepared to support their request for representation on the Working Group.

Members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. Members will be appointed for a 2-year term with the potential for reappointment. The Secretary may extend appointments and may appoint replacements for members who have resigned outside of a stated term, as necessary. Members may continue to serve until their replacements have been appointed. The Working Group shall terminate 180 days after the date on which the Secretary receives the report required under BIL section 11526(f)(1).

FHWA is hereby soliciting nominations for members of the Working Group. Members will have knowledge and expertise in the production and transportation of covered resources. As prescribed by BIL Section 11526(c)(2), the Secretary will appoint not less than one representative of each of the following:

- (1) State departments of transportation.
- (2) State agencies associated with covered resources protection.
- (3) State planning and geologic survey and mapping agencies.
- (4) Commercial motor vehicle operators, including small business operators and operators who transport covered resources.
- (5) Covered resources producers.
- (6) Construction contractors.

(7) Labor organizations.

(8) Metropolitan planning organizations and regional planning organizations.

(9) Indian Tribes, including Tribal elected leadership or Tribal transportation officials.

(10) Any other stakeholders that the Secretary determines appropriate.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. To be considered for the Working Group, nominators should submit the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, and email address) of the nominee.

(2) A letter of support containing a brief description of why the nominee should be considered for membership.

(3) A short biography of the nominee, including any relevant professional and academic credentials and any prior experience with covered resources.

(4) For nominees seeking to serve in their individual capacity (and not seeking appointment to represent the interests of a nongovernmental entity, a recognizable group of persons or nongovernmental entities such as an industry sector or labor union, or State or local governments), an affirmative statement that the nominee is not a federally registered lobbyist, and that the nominee understands that if appointed, the nominee will not be allowed to continue to serve as a Working Group member if the nominee becomes a federally registered lobbyist.

(5) An affirmative statement from the nominee of their availability and willingness to serve on the Working Group. Initially, board members will be expected to participate in quarterly meetings and are expected to attend at least three-quarters of all meetings during their 2-year term. Additional meetings may be required.

(6) An affirmative statement from the nominee of their willingness and ability to serve as the chairperson for the Working Group, which will require additional time commitment beyond simple membership. Chairperson duties are described in DOT Order 1120.3 D, "Committee Management Policy and Procedures."

Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures, or any other information. Materials submitted should total three pages or less, not including any letter(s) of support. Should more information be needed, DOT staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations, or obtain

information from publicly available sources, such as the internet.

It is important to recognize that interested parties who are not selected for membership on the Working Group can make valuable contributions to the work of the Working Group in several ways. Interested persons shall be permitted to attend, appear before, or file statements with any advisory committee, subject to such reasonable rules or regulations as the FHWA Administrator may prescribe.

Any member of the public is welcome to attend Working Group meetings, and, as provided in FACA, speak to the Working Group. Time will be set aside during each meeting for this purpose, consistent with the Working Group's need for sufficient time to complete its deliberations.

All nomination materials should be emailed to Richard.Duval@dot.gov or mailed attention to Mr. Richard Duval c/o Mrs. Gina Ahlstrom, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Infrastructure, Room E75-332, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Any person needing accessibility accommodations should contact Richard Duval at (202) 515-1030. Nominations must be received by March 11, 2024. Nominees selected for appointment to the Working Group will be notified by return email and by a letter of appointment.

A selection team comprising representatives from DOT offices and member(s) of the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey will review the nomination packages. The selection team will make recommendations regarding membership to the Secretary through the FHWA Administrator based on evaluation criteria including: (1) professional or academic expertise, experience, and knowledge; (2) stakeholder representation; and (3) skills working on committees and advisory panels. The FHWA Administrator will submit a list of recommended candidates to the Secretary for review and selection of Working Group members.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations to the Secretary consider the needs of the diverse groups served by DOT, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to

represent disadvantaged and under-represented groups.

Shailen P. Bhatt,

Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2024–0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for reinstatement of a previously approved 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 (periodic) information collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on October 18, 2023. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by February 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0001 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Jessberger, (202) 366–5052/steven.jessberger@dot.gov; Patrick Zhang, (202) 366–1941/patrick.zhang@dot.gov, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office

Highway Policy Information, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Travel Monitoring Analysis System.

OMB Control #: 2125–0587.

Background: The purpose of this document is to request OMB’s three-year reinstatement for a previously approved information collection titled “Travel Monitoring Analysis System (TMAS),” covered by OMB Control No. 2125–0587. This information collection is due to expire on August 30, 2021. The Travel Monitoring Analysis System (TMAS) is the current system used to collect HVTIS information; therefore, the extension should now be titled Travel Monitoring Analysis System.

Part A. Justification

1. Circumstances That Make the Collection of Information Necessary

23 U.S.C. 150 National Goals and Performance Management Measures requires that the U.S. DOT to establish a performance management system for its Federal-aid highway program. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) promulgated the performance management via 23 CFR part 490: National Performance Management Measures. Traffic data, including volume (# of vehicles and travelers), class (types of vehicles), weight (weight of vehicles), and travel time (speed), are parameters the performance management program relies upon.

The FHWA is planning to continue to collect these traffic data through the TMAS system. To carry out the data collection, the FHWA will request that State Departments of Transportations (SDOTs) provide traffic volume, vehicle classification, vehicle speed, vehicle weight data, and nonmotorized data, which they collect as part of their traffic monitoring programs.

In addition, 23 CFR 1.5 and 49 CFR 1.48 provide the Federal Highway Administrator with authority to request such information deemed necessary to administer the Federal-aid highway program. Traffic data are used for assessing highway system performance under FHWA’s strategic planning and performance reporting process in accordance with the requirement of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA, Sections 3 and 4).

Finally, both the 23 U.S.C. 503 and the 23 CFR 420.105(b) require States to provide data that support FHWA’s

responsibilities carrying out the Federal-aid highway program to Congress and the public.

The data to be collected will continue to be used by the FHWA and other DOT agencies to (a) manage its Federal-aid highway program through the performance management mechanism, (b) evaluate changes in vehicular and nonmotorized travel to assess impacts on highway safety, (c) analyze the role of travel in economic development and productivity, (d) assess impacts from truck travel on infrastructure demands, and (e) maintain and improve our Nation’s mobility while protecting the human and natural environment.

2. How, by Whom, and for What Purpose Is the Information Used

The data submitted through TMAS will provide the amount and nature of vehicular travel at the national, regional, and state levels. The data also provide information on how vehicular travel pattern varies by hour of the day, day of the week, the month of the year, and year to year. Data submitted under the TMAS program are essential to the FHWA and the U.S. DOT in determining:

- The effectiveness of current highway programs in supporting travel demands, safety improvement, and travel reliability
- The potential of possible modifications to the Federal-aid highway program, and
- The need for new programs
- The adequacy of the U.S. DOT Strategic Goals in areas of:

i. *Safety exposures:* providing accurate and detailed exposure information related to travel and especially the roles of different vehicles in the same traffic stream

ii. *Mobility:* providing data on the relative usage of system capacity by various vehicles by time of day and the associated share of congestion that may be implicit in such travel

iii. *Productivity:* providing data necessary to estimate the tonnage of goods and number of people being moved by time of day, and season of the year over the various highway systems and

iv. *Human and Natural Environment:* providing data needed for the highway noise and air quality effect assessments.

State highway agencies use the traffic data for project and program level applications such as geometric design, pavement design, safety analysis, overweight and oversize vehicle permitting, designating truck routes, estimating trends in freight movement, highway noise abatement needs assessment.