

Disclosure Questions

1. Is any owner or covered individual of the applicant or awardee party to any malign foreign talent recruitment program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, disclose the first and last name of each owner or covered individual, identify their role (*i.e.*, owner or covered individual), and the malign foreign talent recruitment program.

2. Is there a parent company, joint venture, or subsidiary, of the applicant or awardee that is based in or receives funding from, any foreign country of concern?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, disclose the name, full address, applicant or awardee relationships (*i.e.*, parent company, joint venture, or subsidiary) of each entity based in, or funded by, any foreign country of concern.

3. Does the applicant or awardee have any current or pending contractual or financial obligation or other agreement specific to a business arrangement, or joint venture-like arrangement with an enterprise owned by a foreign state or any foreign entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, disclose the name of each enterprise or foreign entity, type of obligation, agreement, or arrangement (*i.e.*, contractual, financial, or other), description of obligation, agreement, or arrangement, and the foreign state(s) and/or the country of the foreign entity (or entities).

4. Is the applicant or awardee wholly owned in a foreign country?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, disclose the foreign country.

5. Does the applicant or awardee have any venture capital or institutional investment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, proceed to question 5a. If no, proceed to question 6.

5a. Does the investing entity have a general partner or any other individual holding a leadership role who has a foreign affiliation with any foreign country of concern?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unable to determine

If yes or unable to determine, disclose the venture capital or institutional investing entity's name, the percentage of ownership obtained by the investing entity, and the type of investment (*i.e.*, equity, debt, or combination of equity and debt).

6. During the previous 5-year period, did the applicant or awardee have any technology licensing or intellectual property sales or transfers, to a foreign country of concern?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, disclose the name, address, and country, of the institution or entity that licensed, purchased, or received the technology or intellectual property.

7. Is there any foreign business entity, offshore entity, or entity outside the United States related to the applicant or awardee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, disclose the entity name, relationship type (*i.e.*, foreign business entity, offshore entity, entity outside the United States), description of the relationship to the applicant or awardee, and entity address and country.

8. Does the applicant or awardee have an owner, officer, or covered individual that has

a foreign affiliation with a research institution located in a foreign country of concern?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, disclose the first and last name of each owner, officer, or covered individual that has a foreign affiliation with a foreign country of concern, identify their role (*i.e.*, owner, officer, or covered individual), and the name of the foreign research institution and the foreign country of concern where it is located.

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The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional “peg” rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 3.88 percent for the April–June quarter of FY 2023.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

David Parrish,

Chief, Secondary Markets Division.

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[Public Notice: 12018]

Determination Pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act

The Embassy of Venezuela and its consular posts at Washington, DC and New York, NY formally ceased conducting diplomatic and consular activities in the United States on January 5, 2023. In accordance with Section 205(c) of the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. 4305(c)) and until further notice, the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions has assumed sole responsibility for ensuring the protection and preservation of the property of the referenced missions, including but not limited to all real and

tangible property, furnishings, archives, and financial assets of the Venezuelan Embassy and its consular posts in the United States, effective at 12:00 p.m. on February 6, 2023.

The Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the Organization of the American States also ceased conducting its activities effective January 5, 2023. In accordance with Section 205(c) of the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. 4305(c)) and until further notice, the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions has assumed sole responsibility for ensuring the protection and preservation of the official residence of the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the Organization of American States, including but not limited to all real and tangible property, furnishings, and archives within such residence, and any associated financial assets in the United States, effective at 12:00 p.m. on February 6, 2023.

In exercise of these custodial responsibilities, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States including the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*) and delegated pursuant to Department of State Delegation of Authority No. 214, dated September 30, 1994, I further determine that entry or access to the following locations and facilities is strictly prohibited unless prior authorization is granted by the Office of Foreign Missions:

- 7 E 51ST ST, New York, NY (Consulate General)
- 2443–2445 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC (COM Residence)
- 2409 California ST NW, Washington, DC (Chancery Annex)
- 2437 California ST NW, Washington, DC (Diplomatic Staff Residence)
- 1099 30TH ST NW, Washington, DC (Chancery)
- 2712 32nd ST NW, Washington, DC (Residence of Permanent Representative to the OAS)

Rebecca E. Gonzales,

Director, Office of Foreign Missions, Department of State.

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[Public Notice: 12034]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Disclosure of Violations of the Arms Export Control Act

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to May 3, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Andrea Battista, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State, who may be reached at battistaAL@state.gov or 202–992–0973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Disclosure of Violations of the Arms Export Control Act.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0179.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* PM/DDTC.
- *Form Number:* DS–7787.
- *Respondents:* Individuals and companies engaged in the business of exporting, temporarily importing, or brokering, defense articles or defense services who have committed an ITAR violation.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,500.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 600.
- *Average Time per Response:* 10 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 6,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), located in the Political-Military Affairs Bureau of the Department of State, encourages voluntary disclosures of violations of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR 120–130), and any regulation, order, license, or other authorization issued thereunder. The information disclosed is analyzed by DDTC to ultimately determine whether to take administrative action concerning any violation that may have occurred. Voluntary disclosures may be considered a mitigating factor in determining the administrative penalties, if any, that may be imposed. Failure to report a violation may result in circumstances detrimental to the U.S. national security and foreign policy interests and will be an adverse factor in determining the appropriate disposition of such violations. Also, the activity in question might merit referral to the Department of Justice for consideration of whether criminal prosecution is warranted. In such cases, DDTC will notify the Department of Justice of the voluntary nature of the disclosure, but the Department of Justice is not required to give that fact any weight.

ITAR § 127.12 describes the information which should accompany a voluntary disclosure. Historically, respondents to this information collection submitted their disclosures to DDTC in writing via hard copy documentation. However, as part of an IT modernization project designed to streamline the collection and use of information by DDTC, a discrete form has been developed for the submission of voluntary disclosures. This will allow both DDTC and respondents submitting a disclosure to more easily track submissions.

Methodology

This information will be collected by electronic submission.

Kevin E. Bryant,

Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1328X]

City of Tacoma, Department of Public Works, d/b/a Tacoma Rail Mountain Division—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Pierce County, Wash.

On March 14, 2023, the City of Tacoma, Wash., Department of Public Works d/b/a Tacoma Rail Mountain Division (TRMW) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue common carrier service over approximately 3.5 miles of rail line extending from milepost 2.11 at East C Street (USDOT Grade Crossing Inventory Number 396640U) to milepost 5.61 at McKinley Avenue (USDOT Grade Crossing Inventory Number 396659L), in the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 98421, 98404, and 98418.¹

According to TRMW, the Line has moved only four local carloads in the past seven years—one carload in April 2021 and three carloads in 2016. TRMW states that it would not expect carload volumes to or from the sole customer on the Line, Tacoma Steel, to increase significantly if the Line were to remain active. According to TRMW, TMBL has advised Tacoma Steel of its plan to cease operations on the Line and TRMW expects that Tacoma Steel will not object to this petition for discontinuance authority. TRMW also states that no overhead traffic currently exists on the Line, and that, if such traffic did exist, it could be handled over other through routes.

TRMW states that, to the best of its information and belief, the Line does

¹ TRMW is a division of the City of Tacoma and the non-operating Class III common carrier owner of the Line. The Line is currently operated by another division of the City of Tacoma: its Department of Public Utilities d/b/a Tacoma Rail (TMBL). Separately, TMBL has petitioned the Board for authority to discontinue its operations on the Line. See *City of Tacoma, Dep’t of Pub. Utils.—Discontinuance of Serv. Exemption—in Pierce Cnty., Wash.*, AB 1239 (Sub-No. 3X) (STB served Mar. 28, 2023) (88 FR 18,362).