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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #20541 and #20542; ALASKA Disaster Number AK–20004]**

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Alaska (FEMA–4836–DR), dated 10/16/2024.  
*Incident:* Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 08/05/2024 through 08/06/2024.  
**DATES:** Issued on 10/16/2024.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 12/16/2024.  
*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/16/2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vanessa Morgan, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President’s major disaster declaration on 10/16/2024, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or by phone at 1–800–659–2955 for further assistance.  
The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:  
*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* City and Borough of Juneau  
*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*  
Alaska: Chatham REAA, Haines Borough, Petersburg Borough  
*The Interest Rates are:*

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	

	Percent
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.625
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.813
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.250
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250
For Economic Injury:	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 205416 and for economic injury is 205420.  
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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #20711 and #20712; GEORGIA Disaster Number GA–20013]**

**Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Georgia**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.  
**ACTION:** Amendment 7.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Georgia (FEMA–4830–DR), dated 09/30/2024.  
*Incident:* Hurricane Helene.  
*Incident Period:* 09/24/2024 and continuing.  
**DATES:** Issued on 10/16/2024.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/29/2024.  
*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 06/30/2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President’s major disaster

declaration for the State of Georgia, dated 09/30/2024, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:  
*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Taliaferro.  
All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 12566]**

**Title: Notice of Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 109) Meeting**

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, both in-person at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and via teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 109th session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 109) to be held in London, United Kingdom, from Monday, December 2, 2024, to Friday, December 06, 2024.  
Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference line, which will handle 500 participants, or up to the seating capacity of the room if attending in-person. The meeting location will be the United States Coast Guard Headquarters, and the teleconference line will be provided to those who RSVP. To RSVP, participants should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Emily Rowan, by email at [Emily.K.Rowan@uscg.mil](mailto:Emily.K.Rowan@uscg.mil). LCDR Rowan will provide access information for in-person and virtual attendance.  
The agenda items to be considered include:  
—Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials  
—Decisions of other IMO bodies  
—Amendments to mandatory instruments  
—Goal-based new ship construction standards  
—Development of a goal-based instrument for maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS)  
—Development of a safety regulatory framework to support the reduction of

- GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels
- Revision of the Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management (MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.2) and identification of next steps to enhance maritime cybersecurity
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- Unsafe mixed migration by sea
- Formal safety assessment
- Ship system and equipment (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Navigation, communications and search and rescue (Report of the eleventh session of the Sub-Committee)
- Carriage of cargoes and containers (Urgent matters emanating from the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Implementation of IMO Instruments (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Pollution Prevention and Response (Report of the eleventh session of the Sub-Committee)
- Domestic ferry safety
- Application of the Committee's method of work
- Work programme
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee on its 109th session

*Please note:* The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the MSC 109 agenda to accommodate any constraints associated with the meeting. Although no changes to the agenda are anticipated, if any are necessary, they will be provided to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Emily K. Rowan at [Emily.K.Rowan@uscg.mil](mailto:Emily.K.Rowan@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 no later than November 12, 2024, 14 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after November 12, 2024, might not be able to be accommodated. The meeting coordinator will provide the teleconference information, facilitate the building security process, and requests for reasonable accommodation. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon advanced request).

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 22)]**

### **Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancy**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board (Board).

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) and solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Board hereby gives notice of a vacancy on RSTAC for a small shipper representative. The Board seeks nominations for candidates to fill this vacancy.

**DATES:** Nominations are due on November 18, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations may be submitted via e-filing on the Board's website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov). Submissions will be posted to the Board's website under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 22).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Dalton at (771) 201-1070. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board, created in 1996 to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates and service (49 U.S.C. 10701-47, 11101-24), the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-07), as well as railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-27).

The ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), enacted on December 29, 1995, established RSTAC to advise the Board's Chair; the Secretary of Transportation; the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with respect to rail

transportation policy issues RSTAC considers significant. RSTAC focuses on issues of importance to small shippers and small railroads, including car supply, rates, competition, and procedures for addressing claims. ICCTA instructs RSTAC to endeavor to develop private sector mechanisms to prevent, or identify and address, obstacles to the most effective and efficient transportation system practicable. The members of RSTAC also prepare an annual report concerning RSTAC's activities. RSTAC is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RSTAC's 15 appointed members consist of representatives of small and large shippers, and small and large railroads. These members are appointed by the Board's Chair. In addition, members of the Board and the Secretary of Transportation serve as ex officio members. Of the 15 appointed members, nine are voting members and are appointed from senior executive officers of organizations engaged in the railroad and rail shipping industries. At least four of the voting members must be representatives of small shippers as determined by the Board's Chair, and at least four of the voting members must be representatives of Class II or III railroads. The remaining voting member has traditionally been an at-large representative. The other six members—three representing Class I railroads and three representing large shipper organizations—serve in a nonvoting, advisory capacity, but may participate in RSTAC deliberations.

Meetings of RSTAC are required by statute to be held at least semi-annually. RSTAC typically holds meetings quarterly at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, although some meetings are held virtually or in other locations.

The members of RSTAC receive no compensation for their services and are required to provide for the expenses incidental to their service, including travel expenses. Currently, RSTAC members have elected to submit annual dues to pay for RSTAC expenses.

RSTAC members must be citizens of the United States and represent as broadly as practicable the various segments of the railroad and rail shipper industries. They may not be full-time employees of the United States Government. According to revised guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget, it is permissible for federally registered lobbyists to serve on advisory committees, such as RSTAC, as long as they do so in a representative capacity, rather than an individual capacity. See