

Assistance Assessments Initiative, FTA collaborates with Tribal Transit Leaders to review processes and identify areas in need of improvement and then assists to offer solutions to address these needs—all in a supportive and mutually beneficial manner that results in technical assistance. FTA has completed thirty assessments to date, and expects to do fifteen assessments in FY17. These assessments include discussions of compliance areas pursuant to the Master Agreement, a site visit, promising practices reviews, and technical assistance from FTA and its contractors. These workshops and assessments have received exemplary feedback from Tribal Transit Leaders and provided FTA with invaluable opportunities to learn more about Tribal Transit Leaders' perspectives so to better honor the sovereignty of tribal nations.

FTA will post information about upcoming workshops to its Web site and will disseminate information about the assessments through its regional offices. Contact information for FTA's regional offices can be found on FTA's Web site at www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices. Applicants may also receive technical assistance by contacting their FTA regional Tribal Liaison. A list of Tribal Liaisons is available on FTA's Web site at www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/public-transportation-indian-reservations-program-tribal-transit.

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Appendix A

Registering in SAM and Grants.Gov

Registration in Brief

Registration takes approximately three to five business days, please allow four weeks for completion of all steps.

In order to apply for a grant, you and/or your organization must first complete the registration process in *Grants.gov*. The registration process for an Organization or an Individual can take between three to five business days or as long as four weeks if all steps are not completed in a timely manner. So please register in *Grants.gov* early.

The *Grants.gov* registration process ensures that applicants for Federal Funds have the basic prerequisites to apply for and to receive federal funds. Applicants for FTA competitive funds must:

- Have a valid DUNS number
- Have a current registration in SAM (formerly CCR)
- Register and apply in *Grants.gov*

The required registration steps are described in greater detail on *Grants.gov* Web site. The following is a link to a helpful checklist and explanations published by *Grants.gov* to assist applicants: Organization Registration Checklist. If you have not recently applied for federal funds, we

recommend that you initiate your search, registration, and application process with *Grants.gov*. Visiting the *Grants.gov* site will inform you of how to apply for grant opportunities, as well as assist you in linking to the other required registrations, *i.e.*, Dun & Bradstreet to obtain a DUNS Number, and System for Award Management (SAM).

Summary of steps (these steps are available in *Grants.gov* during registration):

Step 1: Obtain DUNS Number

Same day. If requested by phone (1-866-705-5711) DUNS is provided immediately. If your organization does not have one, you will need to go to the Dun & Bradstreet Web site at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> to obtain the number.

Step 2: Register With SAM

Three to five business days or up to two weeks. If you already have a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), your SAM registration will take three to five business days to process. If you are applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) please allow up to two weeks. Ensure that your organization is registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov>. If your organization is not, an authorizing official of your organization must register.

Step 3: Establish an Account in *Grants.gov*—Username & Password

Same day. Complete your Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) profile on *Grants.gov* and create your username and password. You will need to use your organization's DUNS Number to complete this step. <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/OrcRegister>.

Step 4: *Grants.gov*—AOR Authorization

* Same day. The E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) at your organization must login to *Grants.gov* to confirm you as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Please note that there can be more than one AOR for your organization. In some cases the E-Biz POC is also the AOR for an organization. *Time depends on responsiveness of your E-Biz POC.

* Please Note: *Grants.gov* gives you the option of registering as an "individual" or as an "organization." If you register in *Grants.gov* as an as an "Individual," your "Organization" will not be allowed to use the *Grants.gov* username and password. To apply for grants as an Organization you must register as an Organization and use that specific username and password issued during the "organization" registration process.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0004]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel MIRA MAR; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2017-0004. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel MIRA MAR is:

—Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:

Vessel will be used for captained charters and sailing instruction with a heavy emphasis on recreational boating safety knowledge and skills, and for the promotion of the National ON-Water Standards (NOWS) program and the American National Standards (ANS) adoption by individuals and organizations.

—*Geographic Region:* "Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia"

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2017- 0004 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0003]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SHAUN T; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the

Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2017- 0003. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SHAUN T is:

—*Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel:*

“The intended use is an un-inspected 6-passenger commercial tour/cruising vessel”

—*Geographic Region:* Hawaii

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2017-0003 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0008]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel MAJESTIK; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2017-0008. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for