

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration****Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. *et seq.*), this notice announces that the information collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. Described below is the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection was published on August 10, 1999, (64 FR 43419).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Seidman, Office of Ship Construction, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8311, Washington, DC 20590, telephone number—202-366-1888. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: "Shipbuilding Orderbook and Shipyard Employment."

OMB Control Number: 2133-0029.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: U.S. Shipyards.

Form Number(s): MA-832.

Abstract: In accordance with Sections 210 and 211 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is required to monitor the shipbuilding industry's health and current employment, facility utilization, and scheduling practices. The data received will facilitate the projection of future employment needs and facility availability for future shipbuilding work.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 400 Hours.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20502, attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of

MARAD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of MARAD's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-99-6426]

Reports, Forms, and Information Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Complete copies of each request for

collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. John F. Oates, Jr., NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5238, NSC-01, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Oates' telephone number is (202) 366-2121. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5CFR 1320.8(d), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

(1) *Title:* 23 CFR Part 1335 for Application for Section 411 State Highway Safety Data and Traffic Records Improvements Incentive Grants.

OMB Control Number:

Affected Public: State Government.

Abstract: The National Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) was signed into law on June 9, 1998. The Act established a new Section 411 of Title 23, United States Code (Section 161), which offers states the opportunity to apply for incentive grants designed to help states improve the collection, storage, retrieval and analysis of traffic records data. The program identifies three basic records system components, all of which must be present if the state is to receive multiple-year grants: (1) A