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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 8, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments regarding whether these information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collections, to James Rivera, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Disaster, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S. W., Suite 6050.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Rivera, Senior Program Analyst, 202-205-6734 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, (202)205-7030.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Disaster Business Loan Application.

*Form No's:* 5, 739A and 1368.

*Description of Respondents:* Small Businesses.

*Annual Responses:* 16,853.

*Annual Burden:* 48,561.

*Title:* Disaster Survey Worksheet.

*Form No:* 987.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals, Businesses, and Public Officials within an area requesting a Disaster Declaration.

*Annual Responses:* 4,000.

*Annual Burden:* 332.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Acting Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9J35]

#### State of Alaska

Kenai Peninsula Borough and the contiguous Boroughs of Matanuska-Susitna and Lake and Peninsula, together with the Regional Educational Attendance Area #10 (Chugach) and the Municipality of Anchorage, in the State of Alaska, constitute an economic injury disaster area due to severe storms and flooding in September of 1995 that resulted in a low return of sockeye salmon to their spawning grounds in the lower Kenai River during the year 2000. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance for this disaster until the close of business on July 24, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P. O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

Dated: October 24, 2000.

**Kris Swedin,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3291; Amendment #3]

#### State of Idaho

In accordance with information received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated October 20, 2000, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damage caused by this disaster from October 31, 2000 to November 30, 2000.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is June 1, 2001.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: October 25, 2000.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice No. 3450]

### Proposed Protocol on Rail Equipment to the Draft Convention Sponsored by UNIDROIT on International Mobile Equipment Finance; Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** The International Finance Study Group of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law will meet to review a proposed protocol on rail equipment to the draft UNIDROIT convention on equipment finance, and its effect on cross-border financing and trade involving the railway industry. The meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at the Association of American Railroads Conference Center (4th floor).

#### Agenda

The meeting will cover the purpose and concepts of the proposed UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment; the application of asset-based financing to railway equipment; the recent meeting of the ICAO Legal Committee at Montreal on the proposed Convention in relation to aircraft and the draft Aircraft Equipment Protocol, and other international developments relevant to rail finance.

Comments will be requested on draft provisions of the proposed Rail Equipment Protocol. The intersection with recent revisions to the Uniform Commercial Code in the United States will be examined, along with personal property laws of Canada, Mexico and other countries as time permits, as well as related draft conventions and model national laws on secured financing, including work underway at UNCITRAL (the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law) on receivables financing and the OAS (Organization of American States) on a model Inter-American national law on secured financing.

#### Background

The United States has been an active participant in negotiations on a proposed multilateral convention (UNIDROIT Convention) to provide for the creation and enforceability of

international secured finance interests in mobile equipment, including, at this stage, aircraft, to be followed by rail equipment and space and satellite equipment. A Rail Working Group authorized by UNIDROIT has undertaken work on the current draft protocol on provisions specific to rail equipment financing. Provision may be made at a future date for protocols on other categories of equipment, such as containers, construction and agricultural equipment, certain types of vessels, etc. Other international bodies participate as appropriate. Completion of the basic Convention and aircraft protocol is expected by mid-2001. Completion of the protocol on rail equipment is expected to follow.

The proposed Convention and equipment specific protocols together are intended to provide comprehensive international rules on financing interests in such equipment and could thus stimulate the development of these industries in many countries as well as increase the capacity of many countries to finance such equipment through private sector capital markets. This can enhance infrastructure growth, as well as reduce reliance on direct government funding or use of sovereign debt, which in turn would facilitate privatization and market development.

Key features of the draft Convention include the creation of internationally enforceable interests pursuant to the Convention; providing for regional or international computer-based registry systems for notice of finance interests; provisions on assignments of such interests; priorities based on filing; and optional provisions on key finance issues such as default remedies, insolvency, etc. Proposed new registration systems for rail finance authorized under the protocol are intended to facilitate processes, equivalent to that utilized in North America, to support asset-based finance in other regions, and may provide for linkage between registration systems to facilitate cross-border finance and the export of such equipment.

#### Attendance

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the offices of the Association of American Railroads (AAR), Conference Center (4th floor) 50 "F" Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. The meeting is open to the public. Persons wishing to attend should contact Peter Bloch, Department of Transportation, Office of General Counsel, (202) 366-9183, fax 366-9188; Louis P. Warchot at AAR at 202-639-2500, fax 639-2868; or Harold Burman, Department of State, Office of

Legal Adviser (L/PIL), at 202-776-8421, fax 776-8482, email pildb@his.com, not later than Friday, November 10.

#### Documents

Basic Convention drafts on mobile equipment and the aircraft protocol are available at www.UNIDROIT.org, scroll to "news". Revised versions will be available shortly which reflect recent changes; the changes do not affect the basic structure or the purpose of the operative provisions. The draft Rail Equipment Protocol is available from the AAR or the Office of Legal Adviser, or may be provided to attendees by fax on request.

#### Harold S. Burman,

*Executive Director, Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, United States Department of State.*

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### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

#### Notice of Meeting of the Committee of Chairs of the Industry Sector and Functional Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Administrative

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee of Chairs of the Industry Sector and Functional Advisory Committees will hold a meeting on November 28, 2000, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., and opened to the public from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to discuss the review of the Trade Advisory Committee System.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2000, unless otherwise notified.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Conference Room 1, located at 1724 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sylvia Prosak, (202) 482-3268, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, or Dominic Bianchi, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F. St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the opened portion of the meeting the Committee of Chairs will present their

report on recommendations for reform of the Trade Advisory System.

#### Dominic Bianchi,

*Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Southcentral, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Amended Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is issuing this amended notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for the proposed Copper River Highway project in Southcentral, Alaska.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Highway Administration, Alaska Division, 709 West 9th Street, Room 851, P.O. Box 21648, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1648.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Haugh, Environmental/Right-of-Way Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, Alaska Division Office, P.O. Box 21648, Juneau, Alaska, 99802-1648.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) have agreed to terminate the preparation of the Copper River Highway Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This EIS was to study a proposed highway route, along the old Copper River and Northwest Railroad right-of-way, which would connect the City of Cordova to the Alaskan highway system. In September 2000, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities made a decision to not pursue the proposed highway project, thus this notice is to rescind the earlier notice, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 27, 1992. Letters describing the termination of the Copper River Highway Environmental Impact Statement will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed an interest in or are known to have an interest in this action. This information will be published in various newspapers throughout the State of