

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1791-DR), dated 09/13/2008.

*Incident:* Hurricane Ike.

*Incident Period:* 09/07/2008 and continuing through 10/02/2008.

*Effective Date:* 10/03/2008.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/12/2008.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 06/15/2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Texas, dated 09/13/2008 is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning 09/07/2008 and continuing through 10/02/2008.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Small Business Size Standards: Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Control Cable and Conductors; Trailers and Heavy Duty Truck Tractors; and Line Hardware (Insulator Strings) Manufacturing.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is considering granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Control Cable and Conductors, Trailers and Heavy Duty Truck Tractors, and Line Hardware (Insulator Strings) Manufacturing. According to a request, no small business manufacturers supply these classes of product to the Federal government. If granted, the waiver would allow otherwise qualified regular dealers to supply the products of any manufacturer on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses, service-

disabled veteran-owned small businesses, or participants in the SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program.

**DATES:** Comments and source information must be submitted by October 27, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments and source information to Edith G. Butler, Program Analyst, Small Business Administration, Office of Government Contracting, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 8800, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Edith G. Butler, by telephone at (202) 619-0422; by FAX at (202) 481-1788; or by e-mail at *edith.butler@sba.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act (Act), and 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), require SBA's implementing regulations that recipients of Federal contracts set aside for small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, or participants in the SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA's regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.406(b), 125.15(c). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 21.1202(c), in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on a six digit coding system. The coding system is the Office of Management and Budget North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). In addition, SBA uses product service codes to identify particular products within the NAICS code to which a waiver would apply.

The SBA is currently processing a request to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Control Cable and Conductors, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 335931 product service code 6145; Trailers and Heavy Duty Truck Tractors, NAICS code 333924 product service code 2330; and Line Hardware (Insulator Strings)

NAICS code 335932 product service code 5975.

The public is invited to comment or provide source information to SBA on the proposed waivers of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for these classes of products codes within 15 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 3, 2008.

**Karen C. Hontz,**

*Director for Government Contracting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6391]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "From Michelangelo to Annibale Carracci: A Century of Italian Drawings in the Prado"

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "From Michelangelo to Annibale Carracci: A Century of Italian Drawings in the Prado," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Frick Art and Historical Center, Pittsburgh, PA, from on or about October 25, 2008, until on or about January 4, 2009; Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Evanston, IL, from on or about January 24, 2009, until on or about April 5, 2009; and Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, OK, from on or about April 25, 2009, until on or about July 5, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of

the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: (202) 453-8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: October 5, 2008.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. OST-2008-0244; OMB Control: 2105-0555]

**Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection; Title: Short-term Lending Program Online Application**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), invite public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves the use of the "Short-term Lending Online Program Application for a New Loan Guarantee" and the "Application for Loan Guarantee Renewal". The information collected will be used to determine the applicant's eligibility and is necessary to approve or deny a loan. The collection involves the use of the "Short-term Lending Program Bank Verification Loan Activation Form"; "Bank Verification Extension Request Form"; "Bank Acknowledgement Loan Close-Out Form"; "Guarantee Loan Status Report"; "Pending Loan Status Report"; "Drug-Free Workplace Act Certification for a Grantee Other than an Individual"; "Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements"; "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension". The information to be collected will be used to monitor the administration and performance of the loans guaranteed under the Short-term Lending Program, as well as the Participating Lender's (PL) compliance with the terms established in the Cooperative Agreement between DOT and the PL.

We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice should be received by December 9, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy Strine, Manager, Financial Assistance Division, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W56-497, Washington, DC 20590. Phone number 202-366-5343, fax number 202-366-1930. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Background:** The Short-term Lending Program (STLP) provides up to a 75% guaranteed revolving line of credit for a maximum of \$750,000 to finance accounts receivable arising from transportation-related contracts. The primary collateral consists of the proceeds of the transportation-related contracts. These loans are provided through banks that serve as STLP Participating Lenders (PL). The term of the line of credit is for one (1) year, which may be renewed up to a total of five (5) years. A potential STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package, comprised of a loan application, with supporting documentation collected from the checklist on page seven (7) of the application. A current STLP participant may submit a guaranteed loan renewal application package, comprised of an updated loan application, with supporting documentation collected from the checklist on page seven (7) of the application. As part of the requirements for approval as a Lender PL, banks must submit documentation that demonstrates it is a drug-free workplace by executing a Certification of Compliance concerning a drug-free workplace; that no Federal funds will be utilized for lobbying by executing a Certificate Regarding Lobbying in compliance with Section 1352, Title 21, of the U.S. Code; that it is not currently debarred or suspended from participation in a government contract or delinquent on a government debt by submitting a current SBA Form 1624 or its equivalent. The STLP is subject to the requirements of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (FCRA) that includes certain budgeting and accounting requirements for Federal credit programs. The PL must undertake processes to activate, monitor, service and close-out STLP loans. To fulfill the requirements of FCRA, the PL shall retain all documents, files, books, and

records relevant to the administration of an STLP loan and must submit regular reports and required documentation to OSDBU on these processes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Form:** Short-term Lending Program Application for New Loan Guarantee (DOT 2301-1 (REV.1)). A potential STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package, comprised of a loan application, with supporting documentation. The application may be obtained directly from OSDBU, from a current PL, or online from the agency's Web site currently at <http://osdbu.dot.gov/documents/pdf/stlp/stlpapp.pdf>.

**Respondents:** Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other Certified Small Businesses (8a, women-owned, small disadvantaged, HubZone, veteran owned, and service disabled veteran owned) interested in financing their transportation-related contracts.

**Respondents:** 100.

**Frequency:** Once.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 2 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 200 hours.

New loan application supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- a. Business, trade or job performance reference letters;
- b. DBE or other eligible certification letters;
- c. Signed and dated borrower certification that all federal, state and local taxes are current;
- d. Business tax returns;
- e. Business financial statements;
- f. Personal income tax returns;
- g. Personal financial statements;
- h. Schedule of work in progress;
- i. Signed and dated copy of transportation-related contracts to be used as collateral;
- j. Business debt schedule;
- k. Cash flow projections;
- l. Evidence of bonding and insurance.

**Respondents:** 100.

**Frequency:** Once.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 12 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1200 hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Form:** Short-term Lending Program Application for Loan Guarantee Renewal (DOT 2302-1). A current STLP participant may submit a guaranteed loan renewal application package, comprised of an updated loan application, with supporting documentation. The application may be obtained directly from OSDBU, from a current PL, or online from the agency's