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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Governor of the State U.S. territory or possession affected by a disaster submits this information collection to request that SBA issue a disaster declaration. The information identifies the time, place and nature of the incident and helps SBA to determine whether the regulatory criteria for a disaster declaration have been met, and disaster assistance can be made available to the affected region.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

**Summary of Information Collection**

(1) *Title:* Governor's Request for Disaster Declaration.

*Description of Respondents:* Disaster victim's seeking assistance.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 58.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 1,160.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 4, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Susan Suckfiel, Supervisory Financial Analyst, Office of Financial Program Operations, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Suckfiel, Supervisory Financial Analyst, Office of Financial Program Operations, [susan.suckfiel@sba.gov](mailto:susan.suckfiel@sba.gov), 202–205–6443, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202–205–7030, [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection is provided by SBA lenders and borrowers to provide basic loan information and certifications regarding the disbursement of loan proceeds. SBA relies on this information during the guaranty purchase review process as a component in determining whether to honor a loan guaranty.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

**Summary of Information Collection**

(1) *Title:* Settlement Sheet.

*Description of Respondents:* SBA Lenders and Borrowers.

*Form Number:* SBA Form 1050.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 24,255.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 6,094.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, requires federal agencies

to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 4, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Lyn Womack, Chief, Fund Administration Branch Office of Investment, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lyn Womack, Chief, Fund Administration Branch, Office of Investment, [lyn.womack@sba.gov](mailto:lyn.womack@sba.gov), 202–205–2416, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202–205–7030, [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Applicants for SBA-guaranteed commitment must complete these forms as part of the application process. SBA uses the information to make informed and proper credit decisions and to establish the SBIC's eligibility for leverage and need for funds.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

**Summary of Information Collection**

(1) *Title:* 25-Model Corp. Resol. Or GP Certif., 33-Model Letter to Selling Agent, 34-Bank ID, 1065-Appl. Lic. Assure. of Compliance, SBA Forms 25PCGP, SBA Form 25 PIGP, SBA Form 33, SBA Form 34, SBA Form 1065.

*Description of Respondents:* Eligible SBIC's.

*Form Number:* SBA Forms 25, PC, PCGP, PIGP, 33, 34, 1065.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 70.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 47.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Interest Rates**

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the

optional “peg” rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 2.50 percent for the October–December quarter of FY 2018.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender’s commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

**Dianna L. Seaborn,**

*Director, Office of Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

#### Advisory Board—Notice of Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC); DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the public meeting via conference call of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on (all times Central):

- Monday, October 30, 2017, from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in person and via conference call at the Global Waters Center, 247 West Freshwater Way (Suite 529), Milwaukee, WI 53204.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Williams, Chief of Staff, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; 202–366–0091

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. I), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC). The agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

#### October 30, 2017, From 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks
2. Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting
3. Quarterly Report
4. Old and New Business
5. Closing Discussion
6. Adjournment.

#### Public Participation

Attendance at the meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, not later than Monday, October 23, 2017. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

**Carrie Lavigne,**

*Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2017–0118]

#### Notice of Rights and Protections Available Under the Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** No FEAR Act Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice implements Title II of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act of 2002). It is the annual obligation for Federal agencies to notify all employees, former employees, and applicants for Federal employment of the rights and protections available to them under the Federal Anti-discrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvette Rivera, Associate Director of the Equity and Access Division (S–32), Departmental Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W78–306, Washington, DC 20590, 202–366–5131 or by email at [Yvette.Rivera@dot.gov](mailto:Yvette.Rivera@dot.gov).

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#### No FEAR Act Notice

On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the “Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002,” now recognized as the No FEAR Act (Pub. L. 107–174). One purpose of the Act is to “require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.” (Pub. L. 107–174, Summary). In support of this purpose, Congress found that “agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination” (Pub. L. 107–174, Title I, General Provisions, section 101(1)). The Act also requires the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to provide this Notice to all USDOT employees, former USDOT employees, and applicants for USDOT employment. This Notice informs such individuals of the rights and protections available under Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.

#### Antidiscrimination Laws

A Federal agency cannot discriminate against an employee or applicant with respect to the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation. One or more of the following statutes prohibit discrimination on these bases: 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(1), 29 U.S.C. 631, 29 U.S.C. 633a, 29 U.S.C. 206(d), 29 U.S.C. 791, 42 U.S.C. 2000e–16 and 2000ff.

If you believe you were a victim of unlawful discrimination on the bases of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, genetic information, and/or disability, you must contact an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action to try and resolve the matter informally. This must be done before filing a formal complaint of discrimination with USDOT (See, e.g., 29 CFR part 1614). If you believe you were a victim of unlawful discrimination based on age, you must either contact an EEO counselor as noted above or give notice of intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action. As an alternative to filing a complaint pursuant to 29 CFR part 1614, you can file a civil action in