

other aspect of the information collection to USTR at the above e-mail address or fax number.

#### Privacy Act

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a). The authority for requesting information to be furnished is section 402 of the NAFTA Implementation Act. Provision of the information requested above is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information will preclude your consideration as a candidate for the NAFTA Chapter 19 roster. This information is maintained in a system of records entitled "Dispute Settlement Panelists Roster." Notice regarding this system of records was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2001. The information provided is needed, and will be used by USTR, other federal government trade policy officials concerned with NAFTA dispute settlement, and officials of the other NAFTA Parties to select well-qualified individuals for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster and for service on Chapter 19 binational panels.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket No. RITA-2009-0004]

#### Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: National Census of Ferry Operators

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the BTS to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) approval for an information collection related to the Nation's ferry operations. The information collected will be used to produce a descriptive database of existing ferry operations. A summary report of survey findings will be published by BTS on the BTS web page.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 1, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number RITA-2009-0004 to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Dockets Management System (DMS). You may submit your comments by mail or in person to the Docket Clerk, Docket No., U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 NJ Ave., SE., West Building Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should identify the docket number as indicated above. Paper comments should be submitted in duplicate. The DMS is open for examination and copying, at the above address, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on Docket RITA-2009-0004." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (the Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) to submit comments to the docket and ensure their timely receipt at U.S. DOT. You may fax your comments to the DMS at (202) 493-2251. Comments can also be viewed and/or submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Please note that anyone is able to electronically search all comments received into our docket management system by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; pages 19475-19570) or you may review the Privacy Act Statement at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kenneth W. Steve, (202) 366-4108, NCFO Project Manager, BTS, RITA, Department of Transportation, 1200 NJ Ave., SE., Room E34-431, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO).

*Background:* The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178), section 1207(c), directed the Secretary of Transportation

to conduct a study of ferry transportation in the United States and its possessions. In 2000, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Intermodal and Statewide Planning conducted a survey of approximately 250 ferry operators to identify: (1) Existing ferry operations including the location and routes served; (2) source and amount, if any, of funds derived from Federal, State, or local governments supporting ferry construction or operations; (3) potential domestic ferry routes in the United States and its possessions and to develop information on those routes; and (4) potential for use of high speed ferry services and alternative-fueled ferry services. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law 109-59, Section 1801(e) requires that the Secretary, acting through the BTS, shall establish and maintain a national ferry database containing current information regarding routes, vessels, passengers and vehicles carried, funding sources and such other information as the Secretary considers useful.

This same legislation also requires biennial updating of the database. BTS conducted the first Census of Ferry Operators in 2006 and this information was subsequently updated via another census data collection in 2008. Based on what has been learned from the 2006 and 2008 census efforts, BTS is embarking on a redesign of the data collection instrument. The redesign will exclude previous items in order to produce more useful data. It will also include substantial revisions to current items that will reduce respondent burden and increase data reliability and validity. The BTS data collection will rely on a dual mode of data collection. Respondents will be given the option of responding via a paper questionnaire or Web-based survey. An electronic version of the questionnaire may also be available to respondents on request. The Web and electronic survey response fields will be pre-populated with existing data where appropriate for the operator to which it is sent. Thus, many operators can more easily confirm and/or correct data that they have provided in previous years.

The survey will be administered to the entire population of ferry operators (estimate 260 or less). The survey will request the respondents to provide information such as: The points served; the type of ownership; the number of passengers and vehicles carried in the past 12 months; vessel descriptions (including type of fuel), peak periods of use, and intermodal connectivity. All

data collected in 2010 will be added to the existing NCFO database.

**Respondents:** The target population for the survey will be all of the approximately 260 operators of existing ferry services in the United States.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** The burden per respondent is estimated to be an average of 20 minutes. This average is based on an estimate of 10 minutes to answer new questions and an additional 10 minutes to review (and revise as needed) previously submitted data.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** The total annual burden (in the year that the survey is conducted) is estimated to be just under 87 hours (that is 20 minutes per respondent for 260 respondents equals 5,200 minutes or 86.7 hours, i.e., 86:42).

**Frequency:** This survey will be updated every other year.

**Public Comments Invited:** Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the DOT; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, (Pub. L. 105-178), section 1207(c) and The Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law 109-59 and 49 CFR 1.46.

Issued in Washington, DC on the 24th day of November 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Fiftieth Meeting, RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B)

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent

Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 14–17, 2009, 8 a.m. on December 17th/9 a.m. on the other days.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the RTCA Conference Rooms at 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** (1) RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) meeting. The agenda will include:

#### Specific Working Group Sessions

*Monday, December 14*

- RTCA—All Day, RFG, MacIntosh—NBAA Room & Hilton—ATA Room.

*Tuesday, December 15*

- RTCA—All Day, RFG, MacIntosh—NBAA Room & Hilton—ATA Room.

*Wednesday, December 16*

- RTCA—All Day, RFG, MacIntosh—NBAA Room & Hilton—ATA Room.
- RTCA—All Day, WG-4, Colson Board Room.

*Thursday, December 17*

Plenary Session—*See Agenda Below*

Joint RTCA SC-186/EUROCAE WG-51

Agenda—Plenary Session—Agenda—December 17, 2009

(RTCA—Washington, DC—MacIntosh—NBAA Room & Hilton—ATA Room and EUROCAE)

Starting at 8 a.m. at RTCA and 2 p.m. in Europe

(WebEx and Phone Bridge information to be provided.)

- Chairman's Introductory Remarks, Review of Meeting Agenda.
- Review/Approval of the Forty-Ninth Meeting Summary, RTCA Paper No. 230-09/SC186-289.
- Consider for Approval—New Document—*Safety, Performance and Interoperability Requirements Document for Enhanced Traffic Situational Awareness During Flight*

*Operations (ATSA-AIRB)*, RTCA Paper No. 188-09/SC186-284.

- FAA Surveillance and Broadcast Services (SBS) Program—Status.
- Review of EUROCAE WG-51 Activities.
- Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.
- Working Group Reports.
- WG-1—Operations and Implementation.
- WG-2—TIS-B MASPS.
- WG-3—1090 MHz MOPS.
- WG-4—Application Technical Requirements.
- WG-5—UAT MOPS.
- RFG—Requirements Focus Group.
- ADS-B ITP Coordination with SC-214 for Data Link Requirements—Review/Approve ISRA Form and DO-306 Recommendations.
- New Business.
- Other Business.
- Review Action Items/Work Programs.
- Adjourn Plenary.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 23, 2009.

**Francisco Estrada C.,**

*RTCA Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Ninth Meeting, Special Committee 214/Working Group 78: Standards for Air Traffic Data Communication Services

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 214/Working Group 78: Standards for Air Traffic Data Communication Services.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the RTCA Special Committee 214/Working Group 78: Standards for Air Traffic Data Communication Services.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 14–18, 2009 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Marriott Pyramid North Hotel, 5151