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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Request for OMB Emergency Clearance for New Information Collection Request (ICR): Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection (AMJP) Program (pursuant to the American Rescue Plan of 2021)

This is a request for an emergency clearance for a new information collection to enable the Department of Transportation to implement the Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection (AMJP) program.

If DOT does not receive emergency approval, the economic recovery of the nation's air transportation system may be significantly impacted due to disruptions in the critical supply chain for replacement parts and other components, as well as the inability for airlines and other aircraft operators to conduct required inspections as well as scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.

Disruption to the air transportation system could also affect public welfare if it jeopardizes the timely distribution of critical medical supplies, personal protective equipment, and so on.

Critical nature of the Information Collection Request

This ICR is crucial to enabling eligible business entities to apply for payroll assistance under the "Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection" (AMJP) program, established by the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (ARPA), which was enacted on March 11, 2021. DOT could not have foreseen this new and urgent requirement.

Accordingly, DOT is requesting emergency approval due to the urgency of making the associated funds available to business entities that meet the eligibility requirements under the law. The statutory requirements of the AJMP also require swift implementation, including a strict six-month timeframe during which DOT must enter into payroll support agreements with eligible businesses, and the need to identify the full universe of eligible businesses and the magnitude of their funding requests before issuing even the first agreement. The attached Supporting Statement includes the underlying statutory text as an appendix.

As noted in the *Federal Register* notice, this grant program is voluntarily. No stakeholder is required to participate. However, the statutory requirements for DOT are mandatory, and as part of the American Rescue Plan we are clearly expected to implement the program as swiftly as possible.

Due to the urgency of this new and unforeseen requirement (and the associated urgency), we are respectfully asking OMB for emergency approval for the ICR by May 15, 2021.

If you have any questions about this, or need further information, please contact the Elliott Black of the AMJP Program Office at (202) 924-0588 or Elliott.Black1@dot.gov.