

approved contracting requirement on competitive bidding and project delivery. This report should, at a minimum: (1) Provide comparisons of bids received for the projects utilizing the relevant contract requirements to other projects of similar size and scope and in the same geographic area that are not utilizing such requirements; (2) If a reduction in the pool of bidders was evident, explain the potential offsetting benefits resulting from the use of the requirement; (3) Describe how the approved contracting requirement lead to an increase in the effectiveness and efficiency of Federal funds for the project; and (4) Describe and quantify how the approved contracting requirement promoted the efficient and effective use of Federal funds in connection with the contract, when considered over the long term for the recipient or subrecipient's program, or by serving to protect the integrity of the competitive bidding process.

The recipient or subrecipient also must submit to the FTA Regional Office a report that evaluates the effects of the approved contracting requirement on job creation, equitable hiring, and workforce development. This report should, at a minimum: (1) Quantify total number of jobs created, by job category; (2) Summarize general statistics regarding where workers reside, including how many workers reside within same county as project; (3) Evaluate the actual impact the approved contracting requirement had on equitable construction hiring and workforce development, particularly for economically or socially disadvantaged workers; and (4) Evaluate the effects of relevant contracting requirements on participation by DBE contractors and subcontractors (for example, evaluating whether DBE project goals were attained and whether the requirements acted as a barrier to DBE firms based on the composition of DBE firms' workforce). Prior to approving the application, FTA will consult with the recipient or subrecipient to establish the deadline for this report, based on the size and complexity of the project. FTA will include the deadline for this report in the written approval. In general, the report will be due no later than three years after issuance of the Notice to Proceed for the contract, unless the recipient or subrecipient demonstrates that relevant data necessary for the required evaluations will not be available within the three-year timeframe.

A review committee comprised of FTA staff will evaluate the reports and reserves the right to seek clarification from any recipient about any statement

that is made in a report. FTA also may request additional documentation or information to be considered during the review process. FTA or DOT may use information received from pilot program participants through these reports to support future regulatory changes, guidance and/or policies relating to utilization of hiring preferences in contracting.

**Authority:** Section 199B of the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2021; 2 CFR 200.319.

**Nuria I. Fernandez,**

*Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2021-0019]

#### **Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Seamen's Claims, Administrative Action and Litigation**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information collected will be used to evaluate injury claims made by seamen working aboard government-owned vessels. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2021-0019 through one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

**Note:** All comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) including any personal information provided.

**Comments are invited on:** (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

#### **Electronic Access and Filing**

A copy of the notice may be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) using the docket number listed above. A copy of this notice will be placed in the docket. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's website at [www.FederalRegister.gov](http://www.FederalRegister.gov) and the Government Publishing Office's website at [www.GovInfo.gov](http://www.GovInfo.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Yarrington, (202) 366-1915, Office of Marine Insurance, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Seamen's Claims, Administrative Action and Litigation.

**OMB Control Number:** 2133-0522.

**Type of Request:** Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

**Abstract:** The information is submitted by claimants seeking payments for injuries or illnesses they sustained while serving as masters or members of a crew on board a vessel owned or operated by the United States. The filing of a claim is a jurisdictional requirement for MARAD liability for such claims. MARAD reviews the information and makes a determination regarding agency liability and payments.

**Respondents:** Officers or members of a crew who suffered death, injury, or illness while employed on vessels owned or operated by the United States. Also included in this description of respondents are surviving dependents, beneficiaries, and/or legal representatives of the officers or crew members.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 15.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 12.5.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 188.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 17, 2021.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2021-0068]

#### Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection—Quarterly Readiness of Strategic Seaport Facilities Reporting

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used by MARAD and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel to evaluate strategic commercial seaport readiness to prepare for contingency military deployment needs and make plans for the use of this capability to meet national emergency requirements. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before July 20, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket No. MARAD-2021-0068 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

**Note:** All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

#### Electronic Access and Filing

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Butram, Maritime Administration, at [matthew.butram@dot.gov](mailto:matthew.butram@dot.gov) or at 202-366-1976. You may send mail to Matthew Butram, Office of Sealift Support, Room W25-218, Mail Stop 1, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Quarterly Readiness of Strategic Seaport Facilities Reporting.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0548.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to E.O. 12656 and 49 CFR 1.81(10), 49 CFR part 33; the Maritime Administration (MARAD) issues, for emergency planning and preparedness purposes, a Port Readiness Plan (PRP) to each strategic commercial seaport (port) designated by the Commander, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC). The PRP identifies specific facilities that DoD may need to support the deployment of Armed Forces of the United States or other emergency needs to promote the national defense. The collection of quarterly information is

necessary to validate the ports' ability to provide PRP-delineated facilities to the DOD within the PRP-delineated timeline.

**Respondents:** Strategic Commercial Seaports who have been designated by the Commander, SDDC and who have been issued a PRP by MARAD.

**Affected Public:** Strategic Commercial Seaports.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 17.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 4.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 1.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 68.

*Frequency of Response:* Quarterly.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

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By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 17, 2021.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2021-0032]

#### Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Procedures for Determining Vessel Services Categories for Purposes of the Cargo Preference Act

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used by the Maritime Administration to create a list of Vessel Self-Designations and determine whether the Agency agrees or disagrees with a vessel owner's designation of a vessel. It will use data submitted with re-designation requests to determine whether or not a vessel should be re-designated into a different service category. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-