

information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Ramona Sandoval, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC, who may be reached on 202-647-1076 or at [sandovalrm@state.gov](mailto:sandovalrm@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* FLO Professional Development Fellowship (PDF) Application.

- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* New Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Human Resources, Family Liaison Office (HR/FLO).

- *Form Number:* DS-4297.
- *Respondents:* The PDF program is open to spouses and partners of direct-hire U.S. government employees from all agencies serving overseas under Chief of Mission authority at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 260.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 260.

- *Average Time per Response:* 2.75 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 715 annual hours.

- *Frequency:* Annually.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* FLO needs the information collected in the PDF application to determine who will receive a Professional Development Fellowship. The information is provided to selection committees that use a set of criteria to score the applications. Respondents are spouses

and partners of direct-hire U.S. government employees from all agencies serving overseas under Chief of Mission who want to maintain, enhance, and/or develop professional skills while overseas. The information is sought pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2651a—Organization of the Department of State, 22 U.S.C. 3921—Management of the Foreign Service.

*Methodology:* Applicants will email the completed application to FLO's PDF program manager.

**Susan Frost,**

*Director, Family Liaison Office, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[STB Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 1)]

### Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).  
**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. E.D.T.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters at 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Higgins (202) 245-0284; [Michael.Higgins@stb.gov](mailto:Michael.Higgins@stb.gov). [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RETAC was formed in 2007 to provide advice and guidance to the Board, and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues related to the transportation of energy resources by rail, including coal, ethanol, and other biofuels. *Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee*, Docket No. EP 670. The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions regarding issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of energy resources. Potential agenda items for this meeting include a performance

measures review, industry segment updates by RETAC members, a presentation on energy transportation logistics, and a roundtable discussion.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2; Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations, 41 CFR pt. 102-3; RETAC's charter; and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board's Web site at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

*Written Comments:* Members of the public may submit written comments to RETAC at any time. Comments should be addressed to RETAC, c/o Michael Higgins, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001 or [Michael.Higgins@stb.gov](mailto:Michael.Higgins@stb.gov).

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 1321, 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: September 20, 2017.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Rena Laws-Byrum,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** United States Trade and Development.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve an extension for a currently approved information collection for Evaluation of USTDA Performance. USTDA published its first **Federal Register** Notice on this information request extension on July 12, 2017, at 82 FR 32223, at which time a 60-day comment period was announced. No comments were received in response to this notice at the end of the comment period.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by OMB by October 26, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the subject form and the request for extension prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments should be addressed as follows: Desk Officer for USTDA, Office