

government), ability to deploy funds rapidly, likelihood of achievement of stated milestones (execution risk), management team qualifications and track record demonstrating success, overall impact applicable to an award of incremental capital towards economic and national security priorities.

This section is provided to inform responses and does not represent final program design.

VI. Use of Information

Responses to this RFI will inform the development of SBA initiatives, including SBA's Innovation Network Programs and potential prize competitions designed to deliver rapid, measurable increases in domestic production capacity through solutions that improve efficiencies and through scale and strengthened resiliency with respect to critical supply chains.

VII. Disclaimer

No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with providing information in response to this RFI or any follow-up information requests. Moreover, any and all information shared in response to this RFI is protected by SBA's deliberative process and will not be associated with any single entity, person, and/or organization.

VIII. Authority

This request is issued pursuant to:

- 15 U.S.C. 631 *et seq.* (Small Business Act);
- 15 U.S.C. 634(b) (General Powers of the Administrator);
- 15 U.S.C. 662–697g (Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program);
- 15 U.S.C. 638 (Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs);
- 15 U.S.C. 3719 (Prize Competitions); and
- Implementing regulations at 13 CFR parts 107 and 121 and related authorities.

Joshua Carter,

Associate Administrator for the Office of Investment and Innovation.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36920]

Mesabi Railroad LLC—Operation Exemption—Itasca County Regional Railroad Authority

Mesabi Railroad LLC (Mesabi Railroad), a noncarrier, has filed a

verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate a rail line in Itasca County, Minn. (the Line) and associated sidetracks. The Line is owned by the Itasca County Regional Railroad Authority (ICRRA) and runs approximately 6 miles from a connection with an existing rail line co-owned by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and Canadian National Railway Company (CN) at Taconite, Minn. The Line has no mileposts.

The verified notice states that ICRRA and Mesabi Railroad plan to enter into a rail use and operations agreement (the Agreement) requiring Mesabi Railroad to provide common carrier rail service over the Line. The Agreement will also allow Mesabi Railroad to use the associated sidetracks. Mesabi Railroad anticipates commencing common carrier service over the Line on or after May 17, 2026.

Mesabi Railroad certifies that the transaction will not involve an interchange commitment. Mesabi Railroad also certifies that its projected annual revenues resulting from the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is May 17, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than May 8, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36920, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mesabi Railroad's representative, Jason Tutrone, Thompson Hine LLP, 1919 M St. NW, Ste. 700, Washington, DC 20036.

According to Mesabi Railroad, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: April 27, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Aretha Laws-Byrum,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 2025–0687]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: Reauthorization Section 769 Survey To Evaluate Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Staffing Levels

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a new information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 2, 2025. The collection involves the use of a questionnaire to establish an initial baseline on Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) resources and staffing capabilities at each of the 518 certificated Part 139 airports. The information to be collected is necessary to fulfill requirements under section 769 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Pub. L. 118–63).

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by June 1, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Stearns by email at: matthew.stearns@faa.gov; phone: 907–271–5444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's