

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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA 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.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120–XXXX.

*Title:* Reauthorization Section 769 Survey to Evaluate Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Staffing Levels.

*Form Numbers:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* This is a review of a new information collection.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 2, 2025 (90 FR 55328).

Currently, 14 CFR 139.319 does not require an individual to be trained as an emergency medical technician (EMT). Instead, section 139.319(i)(4) requires one individual, who has been trained and is current in basic emergency medical services, to be available during air carrier operations. Section 769(a) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (the “Act”) instructs the FAA to update section 139.319 to ensure that at least one individual maintains certification at the EMT basic level, or higher, at a small, medium, or large hub airport. Section 769(b) of the Act also requires the FAA to conduct a review of airport environments and related regulations to evaluate sufficient staffing levels necessary for firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical services and responses at airports certified under part 139.

To carry out the requirements of section 769 of the Act, the FAA will develop a questionnaire to:

- Establish an initial baseline of airport rescue staffing levels/resources;
- Assist the FAA in conducting a staffing review of airports to evaluate sufficient staffing levels necessary for emergency medical services at Part 139 airports; and
- Support its upcoming Notice of Proposed Rulemaking addressing the EMT certification requirement.

*Respondents:* 518 airports.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1.036 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Kelvin K. Ampofo,**

*Acting Manager, Airport Safety and Operations (AAS-300).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2004–16951]

### Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Aircraft Accident Liability Insurance

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on February 24, 2026. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Snoden, (202) 366–4834 (Voice) or [barbara.snoden@dot.gov](mailto:barbara.snoden@dot.gov) (Email), Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Aircraft Accident Liability Insurance, 14 CFR part 205.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105–0030.

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

*Abstract:* Part 298 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Exemptions for Air Taxi Registration, establishes a classification of air carriers known as air taxi operators that offer on-

demand passenger service. The regulation exempts these small operators from certain provisions of the Federal statute to permit them to obtain economic authority by filing a one-page, front and back, OST Form 4507, Air Taxi Operator Registration, and Amendments under Part 298 of DOT’s Regulations.

49 U.S.C. 41112 provides that an air carrier may not be issued or continue to hold air carrier authority unless it has filed with DOT evidence that it possesses insurance in accordance with DOT regulations. 14 CFR part 205 establishes procedures for filing evidence of liability insurance for air carriers and contains the minimum requirements for air carrier accident liability insurance to protect the public from losses and directs that certificates evidencing appropriate coverage must be filed with the Department. This insurance information is submitted to DOT using OST Form 6410 (U.S. air carriers) or OST Form 6411 (foreign air carriers). DOT expects to receive approximately 1,284 filed insurance certificates from U.S. air carriers and approximately 429 filed certificates from foreign air carriers. DOT expects to receive approximately 1,708 amended certificates each year from U.S. air carriers and approximately 571 amended filings from foreign air carriers. Total respondents expected is approximately 2,279. Further, DOT expects filers of certificates to take 15–30 minutes to complete the form with about 5 percent (114 responses) of all responses to continue to be handwritten requiring 30 minutes for completion and the remaining 95 percent (2,165 responses) using the fillable forms. The total annual burden is expected to be 599 hours.

*Affected Public:* U.S. and Foreign Air Carriers.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,713.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 2,279.

*Total Annual Burden:* 599 hours.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1:48.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Lauralyn Jean Remo Temprosa,**

*Associate Director, Air Carrier Fitness Division, Office of Aviation Analysis.*

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