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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Bessie Coleman Women in Aviation (BCWA) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: DOT solicits nominations for membership to serve on the Bessie Coleman Women in Aviation (BCWA) Advisory Committee, which is intended to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator to promote the recruitment, retention, employment, education, training, career advancement, and well-being of women in aviation professions and aviation-focused Federal civil service positions.

DATES: The deadline for nominations for Committee members must be received on or before August 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Email all nomination materials to BCWAAC@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas W. Cuddy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267–5869; email to BCWAAC@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BCWA Advisory Committee was established by the Secretary on November 15, 2024, in accordance with section 403 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, Public Law 118–63, and it is operated in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) ch. 10. The purpose of the BCWA Advisory Committee is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation through FAA and in response to specific taskings received directly from DOT or FAA or approved by a majority of the voting members of the Committee. In response to DOT or FAA requests, the BCWA Advisory Committee may provide DOT and FAA with information that may be used for planning purposes.

The BCWA Advisory Committee will act solely in an advisory capacity and does not exercise program management responsibilities. Decisions directly affecting the implementation of transportation policy will remain with the Secretary of Transportation and the FAA Administrator, as appropriate. The BCWA Advisory Committee duties include:

a. Undertaking tasks assigned only by DOT or FAA or approved by a majority of the voting members of the Committee, without duplicating the objectives of the Air Carrier Training Aviation Rulemaking Committee.

b. Responding to ad hoc informational requests from DOT or FAA and/or providing input to DOT or FAA on the overall BCWA Advisory Committee structure (including structure of the subcommittees and or task groups).

c. Make recommendations for strategic objectives, priorities, and policies that would improve the recruitment, retention, training, and career advancement of women in aviation professions.

d. Evaluate opportunities for the Administration to improve the recruitment and retention of women in the Administration.

The Committee will be continuing but is subject to renewal every 2 years. The Committee is expected to meet at least twice per year to carry out its responsibilities. Unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Secretary, all meetings will be held virtually. BCWA Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public, except as provided under section 10(d) of FACA, as implemented by 41 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) part 102–3.

In this notice, DOT is soliciting nominations for membership to the Committee. The Committee shall report to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator and shall comprise approximately 25 voting members, representing:

- (i) Aircraft manufacturers and aerospace companies.
- (ii) Public and private aviation labor organizations, including collective bargaining representatives of—
 - (I) aviation safety inspectors and safety engineers of FAA;
 - (II) air traffic controllers;
 - (III) certified aircraft maintenance technicians; and
 - (IV) commercial airline crewmembers.
- (iii) General aviation operators.
- (iv) Air carriers.
- (v) Business aviation operators, including powered-lift operators.
- (vi) Unmanned aircraft systems operators.
- (vii) Aviation safety management experts.

(viii) Aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul entities.

(ix) Airport owners, operators, and employees.

(x) Institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)), a postsecondary vocational institution (as defined in section 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), or a high school or secondary school (as such terms are defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).

(xi) A flight school that provides flight training, as defined in part 61 of title 14, CFR, or that holds a pilot school certificate under part 141 of title 14, CFR.

(xii) Aviation maintenance technician schools governed under part 147 of title 14, CFR.

(xiii) Engineering business associations.

(xiv) Civil Air Patrol.

(xv) Nonprofit organizations within the aviation industry.

Additional nonvoting members may be appointed from among officers or employees of FAA, as well as from the Department of Education and Department of Labor.

The Chairperson shall serve a 2-year term. Each voting and nonvoting member of the Committee shall be appointed for a 2-year term and may continue to serve until their replacement is chosen or they are reappointed. The Department is interested in ensuring membership is balanced fairly in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. To be considered for the BCWA Advisory Committee, nominators should submit the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone and email address) of the individual requesting consideration;

(2) A letter of support from a company, union, trade association, academic, or nonprofit organization on letterhead containing a brief description of why the nominee should be considered for membership;

(3) Short biography of nominee, including professional and academic credentials;

(4) An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all Committee eligibility requirements and identifies which stakeholder group they would represent.

Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures or any other information. Materials submitted should total two pages or fewer. Should more information be needed, DOT staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations, or obtain information from publicly available sources, such as the internet.

Nominations must be received before August 20, 2026. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified by return email and by a letter of appointment.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2025-0127]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Request for Comment; 49 CFR Part 595, Subpart B, Retrofit Air Bag Switches

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on a request for reinstatement with modification of a previously approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. This notice describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval associated with the process of obtaining authorization for the installation of retrofit air bag switches. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on July 22, 2025. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, including

suggestions for reducing burden, should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. To find this particular information collection, select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comment" or use the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Ms. Carla Rush (carla.rush@dot.gov), U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Telephone: (202) 366-1810. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), a Federal agency must receive approval from the OMB before it collects certain information from the public and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information by a Federal agency unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. In compliance with these requirements, this notice announces that the following information collection request will be submitted OMB.

Title: 49 CFR part 595, subpart B, Retrofit Air Bag Switches.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0588.

Form Number(s): HS Forms 603 and 2035.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with modification of a previously approved information collection.¹

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Requested Expiration Date of

Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: This information collection is associated with the process of obtaining authorization for the installation of retrofit air bag switches. The modifications to the previously approved information collection include accounting for the installation return form that the air bags switch installers must return to NHTSA, updating the estimated number of requests per year, accounting for printing costs, and allowing electronic submission of the request form.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: The completed retrofit air bag switch request form serves a variety of purposes. First, it seeks to ensure that the vehicle owner has read the agency's air bag information brochure. Second,

the request form includes a list of the eligibility criteria for a retrofit on-off switch with a check box next to each justification, and the applicant must select which justification they are requesting an air bag switch under as part of completing the request form. Third, by requiring that the vehicle owner initial a statement about the safety consequences of turning off an air bag, the form seeks to ensure that the authorization is made with full knowledge of those consequences. Fourth, by requiring the owners to certify the accuracy of the information provided on the form and to acknowledge the applicability of 18 U.S.C. 1001, the form will increase the likelihood of accurate certifications.

The submission of the completed air bag switch installation forms by the dealers and repair businesses to NHTSA, as required by the regulation, will serve several agency purposes. First, they will aid the agency in monitoring the number of air bag switch installations performed. They also will enable the agency to determine whether the dealers and repair businesses are complying with the terms of the exemption, including the requirement that dealers and repair businesses only perform approved retrofit air bag switch installations. Finally, the submission of the completed installation forms to the agency will provide a record of which vehicles have an installed retrofit air bag switch.

60-Day Notice: A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting public comments on this information collection was published on July 22, 2025 (90 FR 34578). No comments were received.

Affected Public: Private individuals, motor vehicle dealers, and repair businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Frequency: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: NHTSA estimates that the time to complete the air bag switch request form is 0.5 hour and the time to complete the switch installation return form is 0.1 hour. Based on the previously approved information collection, on average we receive 150 air bag switch request forms annually.² We are assuming that

¹ This ICR is to request a reinstatement with modification of a previously approved information collection that was not renewed and expired on February 29, 2020 (OMB Control No. 2127-0588).

² There has been a recent decline in retrofit air bag switch requests; however, that can be attributed to the recent occurrence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and because the request form lists the expired date (February 2020) of the previously approved information collection. In addition, subpart B of part 595 specifies that only vehicles manufactured before September 1, 2015, may be modified by a dealer or motor vehicle repair business to install a retrofit air bag switch, which