

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual State Survey.

Background: Respondents are required to answer 29 questions regarding Federal-aid grant payments and billing cycles. FHWA reviews the prior fiscal year (FY) survey questions to determine if updates are required based on the Departmental OIG external financial statement audit and/or process changes and improvements. The survey is sent out annually to the States/division offices in the May/June timeframe. The survey responses are due from the States/division offices to FHWA in the July/August timeframe.

The responses from the annual survey are key inputs to calculating the quarterly grant accrual for the Federal-aid HTF TAS 69X8083 program by States. The responses are updated in the grant accrual data analytics Excel workbook file by State, program, project, and other data attributes. The estimated quarterly grant accrual is compared to the subsequent quarter's disbursements to validate the effectiveness of the grant accrual calculation referred to as the lookback analysis. States with a \$50 million dollar variance and at least +/- 20% variance or more are required to provide FHWA with an explanation. FHWA reviews the responses from the State/division offices for adequacy, and if required, and sends a follow-up email to the States/division offices to provide additional information.

The quarterly lookback analysis and the data analytics are used to analyze payment trends, make enhancements to the grant accrual process, provide reasonable estimates for the grant liabilities and expenses, satisfy regulatory requirements, and provide support for internal and external audits. The quarterly grant accrual calculations and the lookback analyses are performed for quarters 1–4.

Respondents: 50 State DOTs, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, United States territories of American Samoa, Guam, N Marina Is., and the Virgin Islands (4 territories), etc.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 3.2 hours per respondent per application per form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total burden hours is 47.5 hours (3.2 hours × 15 respondents).

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated

burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, 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.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: August 10, 2026.

Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2010–0062]

Belt Railway Company of Chicago's Request To Amend Its Positive Train Control Safety Plan

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public with notice that, on August 6, 2026, the Belt Railway Company of Chicago (BRC) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-certified positive train control safety plan (PTCSP) to perform necessary maintenance and optimization of its operational technology network during September and October 2026. To complete this maintenance, BRC is requesting four planned windows during which work will be performed on the network infrastructure, and during which unplanned positive train control (PTC) system outages may occur. As this RFA involves a request for FRA's approval of proposed material modifications to an FRA-certified PTC system, FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on BRC's RFA to its PTCSP.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by September 1, 2026. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

ADDRESSES: *Comments:* Comments may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the

online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this host railroad is Docket No. FRA–2010–0062. For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816–516–7168, email: Gabe.Neal@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In general, title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad's PTC system complies with title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTC Safety Plan (PTCSP), a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA's approval of, an RFA to its PTC system or PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA's regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal or train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on August 6, 2026, BRC submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I–ETMS), which notifies FRA of four planned windows during which work will be performed on BRC's network infrastructure and seeks approval for temporary outages of I–ETMS during these planned windows. BRC does not plan to disable I–ETMS and will take measures to avoid any outages, but transient network behavior and unforeseen impacts arising from maintenance activities could result in brief losses of communication between BRC's I–ETMS Back Office Subsystem and I–ETMS Onboard Subsystem. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA–2010–0062.

Interested parties are invited to comment on BRC's RFA by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of BRC's RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within

the timeline specified in this notice and, to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. See 49 CFR 236.1021; see also 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a railroad's RFA at FRA's sole discretion.

Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov. To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,

Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Comment Request on the Burden Related to Foreign Status and U.S. Withholding Certifications

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 13, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and recommendations to Andrés García, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email at

pra.comments@irs.gov. Please include, "OMB Number: 1545-1621—Public Comment Request Notice" in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, (202)-317-5746 or via email at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess its impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record and be viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Foreign Status and U.S. Withholding Certifications.

OMB Number: 1545-1621.

Form Number(s): W-8 BEN, W-8 BEN-E, W-8ECI, W-8EXP, and W-8IMY.

Abstract: The Forms W-8 series enables foreign individuals, entities, intermediaries, governments, and certain tax-exempt organizations to certify their status for U.S. withholding and reporting purposes. Withholding agents use the information to determine the correct withholding tax treatment, including eligibility for reduced withholding, exemptions, and other applicable tax provisions under the Internal Revenue Code.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the burden at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,390,700.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 9 hrs., 1 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30,562,942.

Dated: August 10, 2026.

Ronald J. Durbala,

Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Comment Request on the Burden Related to the Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 13, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and recommendations to Andrés García, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email at pra.comments@irs.gov. Please include, "OMB Number: 1545-0197—Public Comment Request Notice" in the subject line of the message.

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