

employee was ordered to perform active service for more than 30 consecutive days as a military reservist. These loans are intended only to provide the amount of working capital needed by a small business to pay its necessary obligations as they mature until operations return to normal after the essential employee is released from active service.

Applications for the MREIDL program may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal (<https://lending.sba.gov>).

For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay service.

The interest rates are published quarterly in the **Federal Register**. The current rate for eligible small businesses is 4.000.

The number assigned is 219280.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 13142]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Media Inquiry System

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to *December 4, 2026*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2026-1090" in

the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- **E-mail:** Press2@state.gov.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Cory Andrews, Office of Press Operations, Bureau of Global Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C ST NW, Suite 2109, Washington, DC 20520; Press2@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- **Title of Information Collection:** Media Inquiry System.
- **OMB Control Number:** None.
- **Type of Request:** New Collection.
- **Originating Office:** Bureau of Global Public Affairs, Office of Press Operations (GPA/PR/OPS).
- **Form Number:** No form.
- **Respondents:** Journalists or others who submit media inquiries to the Department of State.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 20,000.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 20,000.
- **Average Time Per Response:** 5 minutes.
- **Total Estimated Burden Time:** 1,667 hours.
- **Frequency:** On occasion.
- **Obligation to Respond:** Voluntary.

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

The information collected will be used by the Department's Office of Press

Operations to receive, route, track, and respond to inquiries and interview requests from members of the news media concerning U.S. foreign policy. The information may also be used to coordinate interview requests and other media engagements and to maintain an administrative record of press inquiries handled by the Department.

Methodology

The collection will be completed online, through a dedicated web page.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Press, Bureau of Global Public Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[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.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. E.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Surface Transportation Board headquarters at 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Osburn at (202) 748-4566 or elizabeth.osburn@stb.gov. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act for this meeting, please call (202) 245-0245 by October 13, 2026.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RETAC was formed in 2007 to provide advice and guidance to the Surface Transportation Board (Board), and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues related to the transportation of energy resources by rail. *Establishment of a Rail Energy Transp. Advisory Comm.*, EP 670 (STB served July 17, 2007). The purpose of this meeting is to facilitate discussions regarding issues including rail service, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, rail carriers, and users of energy resources. Potential agenda items for this meeting include a rail