membership, an applicant must meet the following eligibility criteria at the time of application and at all times during their term of service as an IGPAC member:

1. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

2. The applicant cannot be a full-time employee of a U.S. governmental entity.

3. The applicant cannot be registered with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

5. The applicant must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance.

6. The applicant must represent the executive or legislative branch of a state, county, or municipal government or an organization comprised of or representing these entities.

In order to be considered for IGPAC membership, interested persons should submit the following to Sophia Sokolowski, Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, at *Sophia.P.Sokolowski@ustr.eop.gov:*

- Name, title, affiliation, and contact information of the individual requesting consideration.
- A letter on the entity's letterhead from the sponsoring executive or legislative branch of a state, county, or municipal government, containing a brief description of the manner in which international trade affects the state, county, or municipality and why USTR should consider the applicant for membership.
- The applicant's personal resume or comprehensive biography.
- An affirmative statement that the applicant and the entity they represent meet all eligibility requirements.

USTR will consider applicants who meet the eligibility criteria in accordance with equal opportunity practices that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, based on the following factors:

- Ability to represent the sponsoring executive or legislative branch of a state, county, or municipal government interests on international trade matters.
- Knowledge of and experience in trade matters relevant to the work of the IGPAC and USTR.
- How they will contribute to trade policies that eliminate social and economic structural barriers to equality and economic opportunity and to understanding of the projected impact of proposed trade policies on communities of color and underserved communities.
- Ensuring that the IGPAC is balanced in terms of points of view, demographics, geography, and entity or organization size.

Sophia Sokolowski,

Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No: PHMSA–2022–0009]

Pipeline Safety: Agency Request for Emergency Approval of an Information Collection Associated With the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency approval of a proposed information collection. DOT requests that OMB authorize this collection of information on or before May 14, 2022. Upon receiving the requested six-month emergency approval by OMB, DOT will follow the normal PRA procedures to obtain extended approval for this proposed information collection. The purpose of this collection is to enable eligible municipality and community-owned utilities (not including for-profit entities) to apply for grant assistance under the heading ''Department of Transportation—Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration—Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program'' in Public Law 117–58. DOT is requesting emergency approval due to the urgency of making the associated funds available to the municipality and community-owned utilities that meet the eligibility requirements under the law.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

E-Gov Website: http://www.regulations.gov. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

E-mail: Comments and questions about the ICR identified below may be transmitted electronically to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) at *oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov.*

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery: Room W12–140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number, PHMSA–2022–0009 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to *http://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: ''Comments on: PHMSA–2022–0009.'' The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

Privacy Act Statement: DOT may solicit comments from the public regarding certain general notices. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov,* as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at *www.dot.gov/privacy.*

Confidential Business Information: Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public

disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 CFR 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the Agency by taking the following steps: (1) Mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as ''Confidential''; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Angela Hill, DOT, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, PHP–30, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or at *Angela.Hill@dot.gov.* Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Hill by telephone at 202–366–1246, by email at *Angela.Hill@dot.gov,* or by mail at DOT, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, PHP–30, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117–58) was enacted. Under the heading ''Department of Transportation—Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration—Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program'' in title VIII of division J, the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program was established. The stated purpose of the program is for certain utilities ''to repair, rehabilitate, or replace its natural gas distribution pipeline system or portions thereof or to acquire equipment to (1) reduce incidents and fatalities and (2) avoid economic losses'' by providing grant opportunities to municipality and community-owned utilities (not including for-profit entities). The statutory requirements for PHMSA's implementation of the program are mandatory, and PHMSA is expected to implement the program as swiftly as possible to reduce incidents, fatalities, and adverse impacts to the public and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The statutory requirements of the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program also establish a 180-day deadline for DOT to publish a notice of funding opportunity with a subsequent 270-day deadline for making awards.

Solicitation for grants under the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program is voluntary. No eligible entity is required to apply. To be eligible, however, municipality and community-owned utilities must meet all the requirements set forth in the law. Therefore, DOT must collect certain information from applicants to determine eligibility and evaluate applications. DOT must also verify the accuracy of grant requests from approved applicants, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other laws and regulations governing Federal financial assistance programs, including (but not limited to) the Anti-Deficiency Act, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019, and 2 CFR part 200, among others. In accordance with the IIJA, DOT must not award more than 12.5 percent of the funds available under the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program to a single municipality or community-owned utility.

DOT anticipates using an online, web-based system to collect the applicant information for the notice of funding opportunity which will include the following information:

- Legal name of the applicant (*i.e.,* the legal name of the business entity), as well as any other identities under which the applicant may be doing business.
- Address, telephone, and email contact information for the applicant.
- Legal authority under which the applicant is established.
- Name and title of the authorized representative of the applicant (who will attest to the required certifications). DOT may also require the identity of external parties involved in preparation of the application, including outside accountants, attorneys, or auditors who may be assisting the business entity that is applying for assistance under this program.
- The specific statutory criteria that the applicant meets for eligibility under this program. The statute defines eligible applicants to include municipality or community-owned utilities excluding for-profit entities. Accordingly, DOT will require the applicant to identify which of these categories they meet, and how.
- Information regarding the environmental effects caused by the proposed project(s) specific to each site. Further, PHMSA will collect project information on (1) actions to comply with state and Federal environmental, environmental justice, and historic preservation requirements, including the National Environmental Policy Act, and (2) additional mitigation actions to ensure that environmental impacts, such as those from excavation or the use of heavy equipment, are minimal and insignificant.
- Location where the applicant was legally established, created, or organized to do business. This information and supporting documentation will be required to demonstrate how the applicant meets the statutory requirement to be ''established, created, or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States.''
- Other identification numbers, including but not limited to the Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN), Unique Entity Identifier under 2 CFR part 25, etc. All applicants will be required to have pre-registered with the System for Award Management at *https://sam.gov/SAM/.*
- Description of the applicant's business operations, in sufficient detail to demonstrate how the applicant meets the statutory requirement as a municipality or community-owned utility.
- Whether the applicant is currently engaged in any legal proceeding that could jeopardize its ability to fulfill the legal commitments required in statute as conditions for receiving funds under the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program. Examples of such proceedings could include (but are not limited to) any process related to the United States Bankruptcy Code, potential merger or acquisition discussions, or current litigation against the applicant. The application system will request that applicants identify any such issues at a high level and avoid including unnecessary details in the application.
- Whether the applicant is delinquent on any debt to any Federal agency, along with supporting details.
- A sworn certification as to the complete and accurate nature of all information provided, including all supporting documentation, subject to civil or criminal penalties. The specific certification language will include: ''I certify under penalty of perjury that the information and certifications provided in the application and its attachments are true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is

subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 287, 1001; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).''

Recipients will be required to provide supporting documentation in sufficient detail to substantiate the actual costs, specifically excluding any personally identifiable information (PII) for any individual employees. Recipients will also be required to provide additional information and certifications in support of disbursement requests.

II. Summary of Impacted Collection

Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected entities an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies the proposed information collection request that PHMSA will forward to OMB for approval.

The following information is provided for this information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection.

PHMSA will request an emergency approval for this information collection. Upon receiving the requested six-month emergency approval by OMB, DOT will follow the normal PRA procedures to obtain extended approval for this proposed information collection.

PHMSA requests comments on the following information:

Title: Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: Will request from OMB.

Current Expiration Date: TBD.

Type of Request: Emergency approval of an information collection.

Abstract: This information collection covers the collection of applicant data from municipality and community-owned utilities that are interested in applying to receive funds from the ''Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program.'' Solicitation for grants under the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program is voluntary. No eligible entity is required to apply. To be eligible, however, municipality and community-owned utilities must meet all the requirements set forth in the law. Therefore, DOT must collect certain information from applicants to determine eligibility and evaluate applications. DOT must also verify the accuracy of grant requests from approved applicants, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other laws and regulations governing Federal financial assistance programs, including (but not limited to) the Anti-Deficiency Act, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019, and 2 CFR part 200, among others. This information collection also covers the collection of data from grant recipients. PHMSA expects to receive approximately 100 applications from potential grantees. PHMSA estimates that it will take the 100 applicants approximately 65 hours to compile and submit the forms required to complete the application process for an annual burden of 6,500 hours. PHMSA estimates that 100 grant recipients will spend 5 hours, annually, submitting post-award reports for an annual burden of 500 hours. Therefore, PHMSA estimates that there will be a total of 200 responses (100 applicants + 100 grant recipients) for an aggregate total annual burden for the information collection of 7,000 hours (6,500 hours for applications + 500 hours for post-award reports).

Affected Public: Municipality and Community-owned Utilities.

Annual Burden:

Estimated number of responses: 200.

Estimated annual burden hours: 7,000.

Frequency of Collection: One-time application, grant reports no more than quarterly, to be followed by disbursement requests and closeout.

Comments are invited on:

(a) The need for this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques; and

(e) Additional information that would be appropriate to collect to inform the reduction in risk to people, property, and the environment due to excavation damages.

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

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 1, 2022 under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

Alan K. Mayberry,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Interest Rate Paid on Cash Deposited To Secure U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Immigration Bonds

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning April 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2022, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Immigration Bond interest rate is .33 per centum per annum.

DATES: Rates are applicable April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Will Walcutt, Supervisor, Funds Management Branch, Funds Management Division, Fiscal Accounting, Bureau of the Fiscal Services, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106–1328.

You can download this notice at the following internet addresses: *http://www.treasury.gov* or *http://www.federalregister.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Hanna, Manager, Funds Management Branch, Funds Management Division, Fiscal Accounting, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Parkersburg, West Virginia 261006–1328 (304) 480–5120; Will Walcutt, Supervisor, Funds Management Branch, Funds Management Division, Fiscal Accounting, Bureau of the Fiscal Services, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106–1328, (304) 480–5117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal law requires that interest payments on cash deposited to secure immigration bonds shall be ''at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, except that in no case shall the interest rate exceed 3 per centum per annum.'' 8 U.S.C. 1363(a). Related Federal regulations state that ''Interest on cash deposited to secure immigration bonds will be at the rate as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, but in no case will exceed 3 per centum per annum or be less than zero.'' 8 CFR 293.2.