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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Driver Qualification Files.

OMB Number: 2125-0065.

Background: The authority for driver qualification files is contained in 49 U.S.C. 504, 31133, 31136, and 31502, and 49 CFR 1.48, with penalty provisions in 49 U.S.C. 521 and 522. 49 CFR 391.51 requires a motor carrier to maintain a driver qualification file for each regularly employed driver and each intermittent, casual, and occasional driver. The file contains the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a driver is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce. A driver qualification file is used by the FHWA and motor carrier to ensure that a driver who operates a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, can by reason of experience and/or training, safely operate a type of commercial motor vehicle; has been issued an appropriate driver's license; and has not been disqualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Public demand for highway safety requires that the hiring of commercial motor vehicle drivers be restricted to those drivers with records which prove their ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle.

Respondents: Motor Carriers.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 34 minutes for newly hired drivers; 8 minutes for drivers employed longer than one year; 1 minute for intermittent, casual, and occasional drivers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,047,749 hours.

Frequency: The requirements pertaining to driver qualification files are recordkeeping requirements. A driver qualification file must be kept by a motor carrier as long as the driver is employed by such motor carrier and for 3 years thereafter.

Title: Motor Carrier Identification Report.

OMB Number: 2125-0544.

Background: Section 206 of the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984 requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish minimum safety standards for commercial motor vehicle safety. 49 U.S.C. 504 provides the Secretary of Transportation authority to require special reports containing answers to questions asked by the Secretary and to

prescribe the form of records. Authority pertaining to commercial motor vehicle safety has been delegated to the FHWA. In order to administer its safety standards, the FHWA needs to possess a database of entities that are subject to the agency's standards. A database necessitates that entities subject to the FHWA's standards notify the agency of their existence. Therefore, 49 CFR 385.21 requires all motor carriers beginning operations to file the Motor Carrier Identification Report, Form MCS-150, within 90 days of beginning operations.

Respondents: Motor Carriers.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,917 hours.

Frequency: One-time reporting requirement.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; sec. 3506(c)(2)(A) of Pub.L. 104-13; 49 CFR 1.48.

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Rodney E. Slater,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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**Environmental Impact Statement:
Anchorage, AK**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Cancellation of Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement; Reference: Federal Register, 59 FR 46879, 9/12/94, 95 lines.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to inform the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be prepared for the proposed upgrading and extension of Dowling Road from the Raspberry Road Interchange at Minnesota Drive eastward to Lake Otis Parkway. The scope of the proposed project has been reduced and there should be no significant environmental impacts as a result of this project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new project scope considers the upgrading of Dowling Road between the Old Seward Highway and Lake Otis Parkway, a

distance approximately 1.7 km (1 mi.). The revised proposal would widen this segment of Dowling Road to a four-lane urban arterial with auxiliary lanes. Any consideration of the upgrading or extension of Dowling Road as defined by the original project scope will be deferred until a Major Investment Study (MIS) is performed for the area.

The adoption of this proposal is supported by written and oral comments gathered during the public scoping process that commenced in August 1994. Public comments favored the early upgrading of the most heavily travelled portion of the existing roadway, but questioned the need for extending Dowling Road to Minnesota Drive. Since the shortened project would relieve traffic congestion and have independent utility, it was decided to reduce the project scope and defer action on the remainder of the route until the MIS is completed.

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Robert E. Ruby,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Juneau, Alaska.

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**UNITED STATES INFORMATION
AGENCY**

**Curriculum Consultants Exchange
Program with the New Independent
States**

ACTION: Notice; request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchange Programs Division, European Programs Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Applications from U.S. educational, cultural, and other nonprofit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply for assistance to exchange qualified educators or advanced graduate students from the United States, Armenia, Azerbaijan*, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Uzbekistan for up to one academic year for the purposes of curriculum consultations and development in the fields of the humanities and social sciences.

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