

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Philip T. Gibson, Business Development Specialist, 202–205–7427, philip.gibson@sba.gov, Office of Entrepreneurial Education, Small Business Administration, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip T. Gibson, Business Development Specialist, 202–205–7427, philip.gibson@sba.gov.

Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202–205–7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2019 and 2021, a new cohort of sites was added to the Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) initiative, which was originally started in October 1, 2010 by the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Office of Entrepreneurial Development. Through this initiative, organizations in 23 communities across the U.S. have been selected to provide industry-specific assistance to small businesses, and to develop industry relationships and supply chains within their regions. Clusters—geographically concentrated groups of interconnected businesses, suppliers, service providers, and associated institutions in a particular industry or field—act as a networking hub to convene a number of resources to help navigate the funding, procurement, and supply-chain opportunities in a specific industry.

SBA is conducting an evaluation of the Regional Innovation Clusters initiative to determine how the clusters have developed, the type and volume of services they provided to small businesses, client perceptions of the program, and the various outcomes related to their existence, including collaboration among firms, innovation, and small business growth. Small

business growth will be compared to the overall growth of firms in those same regions and industries. This evaluation will also include lessons learned and success stories. SBA proposes the use of three instruments for data collection and analysis of three distinct populations. These instruments are: (1.) Small Business Survey, (2.) Large Organization Survey and (3.) Cluster Administrator Survey. In addition, SBA plans to interview each of the 11 cluster administrators several times a year regarding program impact and successes or challenges, and to obtain clarifications on information provided in quarterly reports. Each of the proposed surveys will be administered electronically and will contain both open- and close-ended questions. The information collected and analyzed from these instruments will contribute to monitoring performance metrics and program goals, as well as recommendations on improving program practices.

Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

OMB Control Number: 3245–0392.

Title: Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) Initiative Evaluation Study.

Description of Respondents: Interconnected businesses, Suppliers, Service providers, and associated institutions.

Form Number: N/A.

Estimated Annual Responses: 1,240.

Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 388.

Curtis Rich,

Management Analyst.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 558 (Sub–No. 25)]

Railroad Cost of Capital—2021

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board is instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry's cost of capital for 2021. The decision solicits comments on the following issues: The railroads' 2021

current cost of debt capital; the railroads' 2021 current cost of preferred equity capital (if any); the railroads' 2021 cost of common equity capital; the 2021 capital structure mix of the railroad industry on a market value basis; and the appropriate treatment of Kansas City Southern (KCS) in light of the merger transaction currently under consideration in *Canadian Pacific Railway—Control—Kansas City Southern*, Docket No. FD 36500. For example, there is not a full year of KCS stock price data available for 2021.

DATES: Notices of intent to participate are due by March 28, 2022. Statements of the railroads are due by April 18, 2022. Statements of other interested persons are due by May 9, 2022. Rebuttal statements by the railroads are due by May 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed with the Board via e-filing on the Board's website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245–0333. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The decision in this proceeding is posted at www.stb.gov.

(Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10704(a))

Decided: February 10, 2022.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Oberman, Primus, and Schultz.

Raina White,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC)**

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

ACTION: Solicitation of nominations for appointment to the Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC).

SUMMARY: The FAA is publishing this notice to solicit nominations for membership on SOCAC.

DATES: Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 9, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Nominations must be submitted electronically (by email) to 9-

awa-arm-socac@faa.gov. The subject line should state "SOCAC Nomination."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Natalie Mitchell-Funderburk, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-0254; email *9-awa-arm-socac@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This committee's charter was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and section 202, "Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee," of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254). The committee provides information and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator and fosters industry collaboration in an open and transparent manner.

Description of Duties

SOCAC's duties include recommending consensus national goals, strategic objectives, and priorities for the most efficient, streamlined, and cost-effective certification and safety oversight processes to maintain the safety of the aviation system and while allowing the FAA to meet future needs and ensure that aviation stakeholders remain competitive in the global marketplace. Other duties include providing policy guidance recommendations for the FAA's certification and safety oversight efforts; providing appropriate legislative, regulatory, and guidance recommendations for the air transportation system and the aviation safety regulatory environment; reviewing the FAA and the regulated aviation industry on their progress towards streamlining certification reform, conducting flight standards reform, and carrying out regulation consistency efforts. Additional duties are described in the SOCAC Charter.

Membership

SOCAC is comprised of members appointed by the Secretary of Transportation upon recommendation by the FAA Administrator. All SOCAC members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Transportation. As outlined in sec. 202 of Public Law 115-254, SOCAC is composed of the Administrator (or the Administrator's designee) and at least 11 individuals, each of whom represents at least one of the following interests: Transport aircraft and engine manufacturers; general aviation aircraft and engine manufacturers; avionics and equipment

manufacturers; aviation labor organizations, including collective bargaining representatives of FAA aviation safety inspectors and aviation safety engineers; general aviation operators; air carriers; business aviation operators; unmanned aircraft systems manufacturers and operators; aviation safety management experts; operators of aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul facilities; and airport owners and operators. The designated organizations are intended to provide balanced representation in terms of knowledge, expertise, and points of view of interested parties relative to the SOCAC's tasks.

Membership to the SOCAC requires that an individual has the appropriate expertise in certification and risk-based safety oversight processes, operations, policy, technology, labor relations, training, and finance. Members serve without compensation, and the employing organization bears all costs related to its members' participation.

The Secretary shall appoint non-voting members representing FAA safety oversight program offices. Non-voting members may take part in deliberations of the advisory committee and provide input with respect to any final reports or recommendations of the Advisory Committee. Non-voting members may not represent any stakeholder interest other than that of an FAA safety oversight program office. Non-voting members are appointed for a two-year term.

Nomination Process

The Secretary is seeking individual nominations for membership to SOCAC. As outlined in Public Law 115-254, the nominee must be an executive officer of the organization who has decision-making authority within the member's organization, represent the interest of the organization, and enter into commitments on behalf of such organization. Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership to the SOCAC. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include, in full, the following materials to be considered for SOCAC membership.

a. A biography, including professional and academic credentials.

b. A résumé or curriculum vitae, which must include relevant job experience, qualifications, as well as contact information (email, telephone, and mailing address).

c. A one-page statement describing how the candidate will benefit the SOCAC, taking into account the candidate's unique perspective that will

advance the conversation. This statement must also identify a primary and secondary interest to which the candidate's expertise best aligns.

Failure to submit the required information may disqualify a candidate from the review process.

Finally, candidates should state their previous experience on a Federal advisory committee or an aviation rulemaking committee or both, their level of knowledge in their above stakeholder groups, and the size of the constituency they represent or are able to reach.

Current SOCAC members who wish to be reappointed to the committee must respond to this solicitation notice.

Evaluations will be based on the materials submitted.

The Secretary will make every effort to appoint members to serve on SOCAC from among those candidates that have the technical expertise required to meet specific statutory categories and Departmental needs and in a manner to ensure an appropriate balance of membership. The selection of committee members will be consistent with achieving the greatest impact, scope, and credibility among diverse stakeholders. The diversity in such membership includes, but is not limited to, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

The Secretary reserves the discretion to appoint members to serve on SOCAC who were not nominated in response to this notice if necessary to meet specific statutory categories and Departmental needs in a manner to ensure an appropriate balance of membership.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 11, 2022.

Brandon Roberts,

Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA-2022-0124; Summary Notice No. 2022-10]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Phoenix Air Unmanned, LLC

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of