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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2022-0201]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: THE SPEAK EASY (Motor); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 24, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2022-0201 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2022-0201 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2022-0201, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Mead, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-459, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5723, Email James.Mead@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described in the application, the

intended service of the vessel THE SPEAK EASY is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "6-pack, day charter."
—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* "California." (Base of Operations: San Diego, CA)
—*Vessel Length and Type:* 44.8' Motor

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2022-0201 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2022-0201 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SMART Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT or the Department).

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Assistance Listing #20.941.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grants. Funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 SMART Grants Program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety.

DATES: Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, November 18, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted via Valid Eval, an online submission proposal system used by USDOT, at https://usg.valideval.com/teams/USDOT_SMART_2022/signup.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact SMART Grant Program staff via email at smart@dot.gov, or call Roxanne Ledesma at 202-774-8003. A telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) is available at 202-366-3993. In addition, USDOT will regularly post answers to questions and requests for clarifications, as well as schedule information regarding webinars providing additional guidance, on USDOT’s website at <https://www.transportation.gov/smart>. The deadline to submit technical questions is Friday, November 4, 2022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each section of this notice contains information and instructions relevant to the application process for SMART grants. All applicants should read this notice in its entirety so that they have the information they need to submit eligible and competitive applications.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), USDOT

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program

A. Program Description

1. Overview

Section 25005 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021; also referred to as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “BIL”) authorized and appropriated \$100 million to be awarded by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for FY 2022 for the SMART Grants Program. This NOFO solicits

applications for activities to be funded under the SMART Grants Program. The FY22 funding will be implemented, as appropriate and consistent with law, in alignment with the priorities in Executive Order 14052, Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (86 FR 64355).¹

The purpose of the SMART Grants Program is to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety. The program funds projects that are focused on using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges and build data and technology capacity and expertise in the public sector.²

2. Program Structure

The SMART Grants Program includes two stages: *Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping Grants (Stage 1 grants)* and *Stage 2 Implementation Grants (Stage 2 grants)*. The program structure is based on a belief that *planning, prototyping, and partnership are critical* to advancing the state of the practice for data and technology projects in the public sector. USDOT anticipates that only recipients of Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping Grants will be eligible for Stage 2 Implementation Grants and anticipates funding projects of up to \$2,000,000 per project for Stage 1 and up to \$15,000,000 per project for Stage 2.

Stage 1 recipients should build internal buy-in and partnerships with stakeholders to refine and prototype their concepts, and report on results. Stakeholders can include public, private, academic, and nonprofit organizations; organized labor and workforce organizations; and community organizations and networks. At the conclusion of Stage 1, recipients should have the information to either create a fully realized implementation plan with robust performance metrics; or to make an informed decision not to proceed with the concept. Stage 1 results may uncover previously unknown institutional barriers, technical limitations, or poor

¹ The priorities of Executive Order 14052, “Implementation of the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act” are as follows: to invest efficiently and equitably, promote the competitiveness of the U.S. economy, improve job opportunities by focusing on high labor standards and equal employment opportunity, strengthen infrastructure resilience to hazards including climate change, and to effectively coordinate with State, local, Tribal, and territorial government partners. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/11/18/2021-25286/implementation-of-the-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act>.

² For more information and illustrative use cases, please see www.transportation.gov/SMART.