

average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 4.38 percent for the October–December quarter of FY 2025.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any Third Party Lender’s commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

David Parrish,

Chief, Secondary Market Division.

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #20666 and #20667; LOUISIANA Disaster Number LA–20007]

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Louisiana**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Louisiana (FEMA–4817–DR), dated September 23, 2024.

DATES: Issued on September 23, 2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: November 22, 2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: June 23, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President’s major disaster declaration on September 23, 2024, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the

SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or by phone at 1–800–659–2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Incident: Hurricane Francine.

Incident Period: September 9, 2024 through September 12, 2024.

Primary Parishes:

Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Washington, West Feliciana.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.250
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 206668 and for economic injury is 206670.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

[Docket No: SSA–2024–0033]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes a request for a new information collection.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA

You may submit your comments online through <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA–2024–0033].

(SSA) Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833–410–1631, Email address: [OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov](mailto:OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov)

Or you may submit your comments online through <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> by clicking on Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments and choosing to click on one of SSA’s published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA–2024–003] in your submitted response.

The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than November 26, 2024. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. *Developing Opportunities for ABLE Owners (DO–ABLE)—0960–NEW.*

**Background**

SSA is requesting clearance to collect data necessary to evaluate the Developing Opportunities for ABLE Owners (DO–ABLE) under the Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program (ICAP). On May 6, 2021, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announced a new funding opportunity, the Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program (ICAP), in the **Federal Register**, 86 FR 24427. ICAP allows SSA to partner with various non-federal groups and organizations to advance interventional research connected to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) programs. On September 28, 2023, SSA awarded a cooperative agreement to the University of Chicago’s Inclusive Economy Lab (IEL) through the Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program (ICAP). Through the cooperative agreement, IEL will conduct the Developing Opportunities for Achieving a Better Life Experience Owners (DO–ABLE) demonstration project.

**DO-ABLE Project Description**

DO-ABLE intends to promote take-up and use of ABLÉ accounts among Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients in Illinois and Wisconsin through a three-phased randomized controlled trial (RCT). ABLÉ accounts are tax-advantaged savings accounts, which offer people with disabilities the opportunity to accumulate assets and use funds for a broad range of expenses without threatening SSI benefits eligibility. Up to \$100,000 saved in an ABLÉ account is exempt from the SSI resource limit.<sup>1</sup> Regardless of the benefits ABLÉ accounts offer to SSI recipients, very few people have accounts. To be eligible for ABLÉ, one must have a disability that (1) meets SSA’s definition of disability; and (2) started before age 26. Our study will therefore include current adult SSI recipients in Illinois and Wisconsin who are ages 18 to 59 who first received SSI before age 26, all of whom are eligible for ABLÉ accounts. We will exclude existing ABLÉ account owners from the study.

The DO-ABLE evaluation uses a three-phased randomized controlled trial (RCT) to promote take-up and use of ABLÉ accounts. We designed each of the three phases of the proposed RCT to address and engage with a key barrier identified through our previous research as preventing uptake of ABLÉ accounts: (1) limited knowledge of the program; (2) administrative burden associated with opening and using the accounts; (3) limited resources to save. To collect this information, we will first send letters to approximately 85,000 of the roughly 100,000 eligible SSI recipients in Illinois and Wisconsin. Eligible SSI recipients are those actively receiving SSI payments who are ages 18 to 59 who first received SSI before age 26. This outreach will be Phase 1 of the intervention. In addition to providing information encouraging people to sign

up for an ABLÉ account, these letters will invite people to participate in an intake survey. For people who agree to participate, we will collect three different types of data:

- *Intake Survey:* We will send a link to this online survey in the initial letter we send. This survey will contain four parts:
  - *Consent Form:* This form will ask respondents for their consent to participate in the study.
  - *Program-specific Modules:* These will gather information on participants’ perceptions of ABLÉ accounts and will also cover metrics related to employment intentions and financial well-being.
  - *Short Informational Video:* This video will highlight the advantages of ABLÉ accounts for SSI recipients and will include closed captions for those who require them.
  - *Random Assignment for Second Phase:* After people complete the consent form, we will randomly assign them to either a seeding group (in which case they would be eligible for \$250 to be placed into a newly opened ABLÉ account) or the no seeding group. At the end of the survey, we will inform people to which group they are assigned.
- *Follow-up Survey:* The DO-ABLE evaluation team will administer a follow-up survey to everyone who provided informed consent (regardless of whether they completed the full intake survey, and regardless of their assignment status for phases two and three) two years after their enrollment date. The survey will collect information about similar topics as the intake survey to allow us to assess changes over time, as well as more comprehensive measures of work activity and general well-being. These data will help offer a comprehensive assessment of how the intervention and participation in ABLÉ affects

participants’ self-sufficiency and well-being.

- *Qualitative Interviews:* To offer additional context on the overall process, we will conduct two waves of semi-structured qualitative interviews. Each round will include 40 unique individuals, including a mix of people with disabilities and their supporters, caregivers, and loved ones. We expect the interviews to last about 45 minutes, and will explore respondents’ planned use of their ABLÉ accounts, including contributions and uses of funds. We will also explore key facilitators and barriers to opening and using ABLÉ accounts that are difficult to assess through surveys and administrative data. In addition, for individuals who did not sign up for an account, we will examine the barriers that prevented them from opening an account and what would need to change for them to sign up. We expect these interviews will assess participants’ initial expectations of the value of ABLÉ accounts in promoting employment, independence, and well-being, and explore how these expectations compare to the participants’ actual experience of using ABLÉ accounts.

SSA is partnering with the University of Chicago’s IEL and the Illinois State Treasurer’s Office (ILSTO) to implement and evaluate DO-ABLE. The evaluation will provide empirical evidence on (1) the barriers that currently prevent people from opening ABLÉ accounts; and (2) the impacts of opening and saving money in an ABLÉ account. We are primarily interested in impacts on financial security, self-sufficiency, and, ultimately, employment. The respondents are current SSI recipients (or their guardians) who are ages 18 to 59 who first received SSI before age 26, and who are thus eligible to open an ABLÉ account.

*Type of Request:* Request for a new information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Average wait time for teleservice centers (minutes)**	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)***
Intake survey—Online .....	4,760	1	15	1,190	*\$31.48	.....	***\$37,461
Intake survey—Telephone .....	2,040	1	15	510	*31.48	**19	***36,391
Follow-up survey—Online .....	2,856	1	15	714	*31.48	.....	***22,477
Follow-up survey—Telephone .....	1,224	1	15	306	*31.48	**19	***21,847
Qualitative interviews .....	80	1	45	60	*31.48	**19	***2,676
Totals .....	10,960	.....	.....	2,780	.....	.....	***120,852

\* We based this figure on the average U.S. worker’s hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data ([https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm)).

\*\* We based this figure by averaging the average FY 2024 wait times for teleservice centers, based on SSA’s current management information data.

\*\*\* This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.

<sup>1</sup> SSI cash benefits are suspended if ABLÉ account balances exceed this \$100,000 threshold;

however, ABLÉ account balances do not affect Medicaid eligibility.

Dated: September 24, 2024.

**Naomi Sipple,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. MCF 21119]

### Van Pool Transportation LLC— Acquisition of Control—Transaction Corporate Shuttles, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

**SUMMARY:** Van Pool Transportation LLC (Van Pool or Applicant), a noncarrier, filed an application to acquire control of an interstate passenger motor carrier, TransAction Corporate Shuttles, Inc. (TCS), from its sole shareholder, the Cynthia Cain Frené Revocable Trust (Seller). The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing the transaction subject to the owners of Van Pool filing to join the application. If the owners' filing is satisfactory and no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

**DATES:** Van Pool's owners' filing to join the application is due by October 11, 2024. Comments must be filed by November 8, 2024. If any comments are filed, Van Pool may file a reply by November 26, 2024. If no opposing comments are filed by November 8, 2024, this notice shall be effective on November 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed with the Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to Van Pool's representative: Kiefer A. Light, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., 10 W Market Street, Suite 1400, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Fancher at (202) 740-5507. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** According to the application,<sup>1</sup> Van Pool is a Delaware limited liability company

<sup>1</sup> Van Pool originally filed the application on August 15, 2024, but it then filed a supplement on August 29, 2024. Therefore, for purposes of determining the procedural schedule and statutory deadlines, the filing date of the application is August 29, 2024. See 49 CFR 1182.4(a).

headquartered in Wilbraham, Mass. (Appl. 1.) Applicant states that it is not a federally regulated carrier but that it indirectly owns and controls all equity and voting interest in 10 interstate passenger motor carriers (Affiliate Regulated Carriers) that are among its operating subsidiaries. (*Id.* at 2; Suppl. 1.) The Affiliate Regulated Carriers are:<sup>2</sup>

- NRT Bus, Inc., which primarily provides non-regulated student transportation services for schools in Massachusetts (Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Worcester counties), and occasional charter services;
- Trombly Motor Coach Service, Inc., which primarily provides non-regulated student transportation services for schools in Massachusetts (Essex and Middlesex counties), and occasional charter services;
- Salter Transportation, Inc., which primarily provides non-regulated student transportation services for schools in Massachusetts (Essex County) and southern New Hampshire, and occasional charter services;
- Easton Coach Company, LLC, which provides (i) intrastate paratransit, shuttle, and line-run services under contracts with regional transportation authorities and other organizations, primarily in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania, and (ii) private charter motor coach and shuttle services (interstate and intrastate), primarily in eastern Pennsylvania;
- F. M. Kuzmeskus, Inc., d/b/a Travel Kuz, which provides (i) non-regulated school bus transportation services, (ii) intrastate and interstate motor coach and limousine charter services, and (iii) limited intrastate and interstate charter services, all in western Massachusetts and southern Vermont;
- Alltown Bus Service Inc., which primarily provides non-regulated student transportation services for schools in the metropolitan area of Chicago, Ill., and its northern suburbs, and occasional charter services;
- DS Bus Lines, Inc., which primarily provides (i) non-regulated student transportation services for schools in Kansas (Beloit, Kansas City, Lincoln, Olathe, and Shawnee), Missouri (Belton and Smithville), Colorado (the metropolitan area of Denver), and Oklahoma (the metropolitan area of Tulsa), (ii) intrastate employee shuttle services in Colorado and Texas, and (iii) occasional charter services;

<sup>2</sup> Additional information about these motor carriers, including U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) numbers, motor carrier numbers, and USDOT safety fitness ratings, can be found in the application and the supplement. (*See* Appl. 3-6, Ex. A; Suppl. 2.)

- Royal Coach Lines, Inc., which primarily provides (i) non-regulated student transportation services for schools in the metropolitan area of Westchester County, N.Y., and southern Connecticut, and (ii) contract and charter transportation services;

- PLSIII LLC, which primarily provides (1) disabled transportation services under contracts with private nonprofit organizations for fixed route and shuttle services in New York (Buffalo, western New York, Rochester, Utica and surrounding areas, and Poughkeepsie and surrounding areas), and (ii) very limited group day trip charter transportation services; and
- Local Motion, LLC, d/b/a Local Motion of Boston, which provides non-regulated school bus, charter, and shuttle services in the metropolitan area of Boston.

According to the application, Van Pool also has operating subsidiaries that provide transportation services that do not involve regulated interstate transportation or require interstate passenger authority, primarily in the northeastern and central portions of the United States. (Appl. 2.) Van Pool states that it is indirectly owned and controlled by investment funds affiliated with Audax Management Company, LLC, (Audax Management), a Delaware limited liability company.<sup>3</sup> (*Id.* at 8.) Collectively, these parent companies of Applicant will be referred to as the Owners.

The application explains that TCS, the carrier being acquired, operates as a motor carrier primarily providing fixed-route commuter and municipal shuttle bus services and on-demand transportation for employees of businesses and communities in Massachusetts. (*Id.* at 6-7.) TCS also provides mini-bus, van, and limousine charter services for activities such as corporate and group outings, day trips, weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and local events in Massachusetts. (*Id.* at 7.) In providing its services, TCS uses

<sup>3</sup> Specifically, Van Pool states that it is wholly owned by VP Intermediate Company (VP Intermediate), a Delaware corporation and noncarrier holding company, and that VP Intermediate is wholly owned by Beacon Mobility Corp. (Beacon), a Delaware corporation and noncarrier holding company. (*Id.* at 8.) Beacon is wholly owned by Van Pool Intermediate, Inc. (Intermediate Inc.), a Delaware corporation and noncarrier holding company. (*Id.*) Intermediate Inc. is wholly owned by Van Pool Group Holdings, L.P. (Group Holdings), a Delaware limited partnership and noncarrier holding company, and Group Holdings is majority-owned and controlled by AG Van Pool Holdings, LP (AG Holdings), a Delaware limited partnership and noncarrier holding company. (*Id.*) AG Holdings is owned by investment funds affiliated with Audax Management. (*Id.*)