

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Innovative Technology Administration****Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

[Docket: RITA 2008–0002 BTS Paperwork Reduction Notice]

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates—Form 183

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need and usefulness of BTS collecting reports from air carriers on the aggregated indebtedness balance of a political candidate or party for Federal office. The reports are required when the aggregated indebtedness is over \$5,000 on the last day of a month.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by May 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number RITA 2008–0002 by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: 202–493–2251.

Instructions: Identify docket number, BTS 2008–0002, at the beginning of your comments, and send two copies. To receive confirmation that DOT received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may access all comments received by DOT at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments are posted electronically without charge or edits, including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association,

business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit <http://DocketInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gorham, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Street SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4406.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No. 2138–0016.

Title: Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates—Form 183 14 CFR Part 374a.

Form No.: 183.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Certificated air carriers.

Number of Respondents: 2 (Monthly Average).

Number of Responses: 24.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Total Annual Burden: 24 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Department uses this form as the means to fulfill its obligation under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the Act). The Act's legislative history indicates that one of its statutory goals is to prevent candidates for Federal political office from incurring large amounts of unsecured debt with regulated transportation companies (e.g. airlines). This information collection allows the Department to monitor and disclose the amount of unsecured credit extended by airlines to candidates for Federal office. All certificated air carriers are required to submit this information.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

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Pat Hu,

Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Docket No. BPD–2012–001]

Public Input on the Development and Potential Issuance of Treasury Floating Rate Notes

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for information.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Treasury (“Secretary”) is authorized under Chapter 31 of Title 31, United States Code, to issue United States obligations and to offer them for sale under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. The Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) is requesting comments on the potential issuance of a floating rate note. Treasury is particularly interested in comments concerning the demand for the product, how the security should be structured, its liquidity, and any operational issues that should be considered relating to the issuance of this type of debt. Treasury has not made a decision to issue floating rate notes. Treasury will continue to weigh the relative merits of issuing floating rate notes, and comments received as part of this Request for Information will serve as valuable input into this decision.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 18, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in accordance with the instructions. Comments will be available at <http://www.regulations.gov> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. You may download this Request for Information from <http://www.regulations.gov> or the Bureau of the Public Debt's Web site at <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>. You may also send paper comments to Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt, Government Securities Regulations Staff, 799 9th Street NW., Washington, DC 20239–0001. Comments received will be available for public inspection and copying at the Treasury Department

Library, Main Treasury Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. To visit the library, call (202) 622-0990 for an appointment. In general, comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are available to the public. Do not submit any information in your comments or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Responses should also include:

(1) The data or rationale, including examples, supporting any opinions or conclusions; (2) alternative approaches and options that should be considered, if any; and, (3) any specific comments regarding general terms and conditions for the sale and issuance of floating rate notes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Santamarena, Executive Director; Kurt Eidemiller, Associate Director; or Kevin Hawkins, Government Securities Advisor; Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt, Government Securities Regulations Staff, (202) 504-3632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Treasury continually seeks ways to minimize borrowing costs, better manage its liability profile, enhance market liquidity, and expand the investor base in Treasury securities. To help meet these objectives, Treasury announced at its February 2012 Quarterly Refunding that it continues to study the possibility of issuing floating rate notes (FRNs), a security with a return that is indexed and periodically reset. Examining alternative forms and structures of debt issuance is consistent with Treasury's mission of financing the government at the lowest cost over time. Treasury has discussed the issuance of FRNs with the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee (TBAC), which is a federal advisory committee sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), and with the primary dealers. These discussions have provided a significant amount of constructive feedback. However, prior to making a decision, Treasury is soliciting a broader range of input from a variety of market participants on demand for the product and its liquidity, as well as structural and operational issues that Treasury should consider.

II. Solicitation for Comments

Commenters are invited to submit views on the following questions:

1. Would FRNs attract new investors into the Treasury market for a sustained period of time?

2. Would a Treasury FRN help meet the investment needs of retail and institutional investors?

3. How liquid would you expect FRNs to be in the secondary markets?

4. What is the ideal structure for a Treasury FRN?

a. What is the ideal final maturity for a Treasury FRN?

b. What are the pros and cons of using the following reference rates for a Treasury FRN: Treasury bills, a Treasury general collateral-based repurchase agreement ("repo") rate, and the federal funds effective rate? Are there any other reference rates that merit consideration?

c. What would be the appropriate coupon payment frequency of a Treasury FRN?

5. What changes to trading, settlement and accounting systems would be needed to accommodate FRNs?

6. Are there any other operational issues that Treasury should be aware of when deciding on whether to issue FRNs?

7. Given the above considerations, are FRNs a useful debt management tool that Treasury should consider?

Mary J. Miller,

Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, a wholly owned government corporation within the Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments concerning the CDFI Program Application.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 18, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Ruth Jaure, CDFI Program Manager, at the Community Development Financial

Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, by email to cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov or by facsimile to (202) 622-7754. Please note this is not a toll free number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The CDFI Program Application may be obtained from the CDFI Program page of the CDFI Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Ruth Jaure, CDFI Program Manager, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, or call (202) 622-9156. Please note this is not a toll free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CDFI Program Application.

OMB Number: 1559-0021.

Abstract: The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program was established by the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to use Federal resources to invest in and build the capacity of CDFIs to serve low-income people and communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services. Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides: (1) Financial Assistance (FA) awards to CDFIs that have Comprehensive Business Plans for creating demonstrable community development impact through the deployment of credit, capital, and financial services within their respective Target Markets or the expansion into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or Other Targeted Populations, and (ii) Technical Assistance (TA) grants to CDFIs and entities proposing to become CDFIs in order to build their capacity to better address the community development and capital access needs of their existing or proposed Target Markets and/or to become certified CDFIs. The regulations governing the CDFI Program are found at 12 CFR part 1805 and provide guidance on evaluation criteria and other requirements of the CDFI Program.

The questions that the application contains, and the information generated thereby, will enable the CDFI Fund to evaluate applicants' activities and determine the extent of applicants' eligibility for a CDFI Program award. Failure to collect this information could result in improper uses of Federal funds.

Current Actions: Revision of a currently approved collection.