

established the FAST Program under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, codified at 15 U.S.C. 657d(c). The program expired on September 30, 2005 and was reestablished under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010.

FAST provides funding to organizations to execute state/regional programs that increase the number of SBIR/STTR proposals (through outreach and financial support); increase the number of SBIR/STTR awards (through technical assistance and mentoring); and better prepare SBIR/STTR awardees for commercialization success (through technical assistance and mentoring).

The FAST Quarterly Reporting Form will collect data from FAST award recipients which will be used to improve program performance. The Quarterly Reports will collect ongoing performance and outcome data from FAST awardees on a required, quarterly basis. As well as improving program management, the data collected will inform the Annual Reports to the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship; the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; and the House Committee on Small Business, as required in the Small Business Act 34(c)(1)(2).

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.

Summary of Information Collection

Title: FAST Program Quarterly Reporting Form.

Description of Respondents: FAST award recipients, including Small Business and Technology Development Centers (SBTDCs), state and local economic development agencies, and other FAST award recipients.

Form Number: N/A.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 96.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 192 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10624]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State (Department) issues this Notice of Intent (NOI) to announce that it will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)—consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969—to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Detailed records on the proposed Project are available at: <https://keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 26, 2017, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. (TransCanada) resubmitted its 2012 Presidential permit application for the border facilities for the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline. The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs determined that issuance of a Presidential permit to TransCanada to construct, connect, operate, and maintain pipeline facilities at the northern border of the United States to transport crude oil from Canada to the United States would serve the national interest. Accordingly, on March 23, 2017, the Under Secretary issued a Presidential permit to TransCanada for the Keystone XL Pipeline border facilities. Subsequently, on November 20, 2017, the Nebraska Public Service Commission approved the Mainline Alternative Route for that pipeline in the State of Nebraska. TransCanada's application to the Bureau of Land Management for a right-of-way remains pending with that agency.

On July 30, 2018, the Department issued a *Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska* (83 FR 36659).

On September 24, 2018, the Department issued a Notice of Availability of the Draft SEIS for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska (83 FR 48358).

On November 8, 2018, the Federal District Court for the District of Montana ordered the Department to supplement the analysis in the 2014 *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Keystone XL Pipeline* relating to greenhouse gas emissions, oil spills, cultural resources, and market analysis. In response to this ruling, the Department intends to issue the updated SEIS referred to in this **Federal Register** Notice.

Brian P. Doherty,

Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 785X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Vermilion County, Ill

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 3.6-mile rail line on its Woodlands Subdivision between milepost QSK 0.0 and milepost QSK 3.6, the end of the line in Vermilion County, Ill. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 61832.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No freight traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.