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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

[Docket No. TSA-2002-11334]

Intent to Request Renewal From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee Records Retention

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: 60 day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1652-0018, abstracted below that we will submit to the OMB for renewal in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The information collection would require the retention of certain information necessary for TSA to help set the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee (ASIF), including information about air carriers' and foreign air carriers' costs related to screening passengers and property in calendar year 2000.

DATES: Send your comments by [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: Comments may be emailed to TSAPRA@dhs.gov or delivered to the TSA PRA Officer, Office of Information Technology (OIT), TSA-11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598-6040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Perkins at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227-3398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at www.reginfo.gov. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

OMB Control Number 1652-0018; Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee Records Retention, 49 CFR part 1511. To help defray TSA's costs of providing civil aviation security services, and as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 44940, TSA published in the Federal Register on February 20, 2002, an interim final rule which imposed a fee known as the

Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee (ASIF) on certain air carriers and foreign air carriers.¹ The amount of ASIF collected by TSA from the carriers, both overall and per carrier, is based upon the carriers' aggregate and individual costs, respectively, for screening passengers and property in calendar year 2000.²

In conjunction with the issuance of 49 CFR part 1511 (ASIF regulations), TSA requested OMB approval to collect information necessary for TSA to establish the ASIF, including information about the carriers' individual and aggregate costs related to screening passengers and property in calendar year 2000. This information collection included submissions to TSA of data on the carriers' screening-related costs and also of independent audits of that data. This information collection is currently approved under OMB number 1652-0018.

Purpose of Information Collection

The information collection proposed under this notice is intended to apply to the retention requirement of the ASIF regulations. Under the ASIF regulations, carriers must retain any and all documents, records, or information related to the amount of the ASIF, including all information applicable to the carrier's calendar year 2000 security costs and information reasonably necessary to complete an audit.³ This requirement includes retaining the source information for the calendar year 2000 screening costs reported to TSA; the calculations and allocations performed to assign costs submitted to TSA; information and documents reviewed and prepared for the required independent audit; the accountant's working papers, notes, worksheets, and other relevant documentation used in the audit; and, if applicable, the specific information leading to the accountant's

¹ See 67 FR 7926, as codified at 49 CFR part 1511.

² 49 U.S.C. 44940(a)(2)(B)(i), (ii).

³ See 49 CFR 1511.9.

opinion, including any determination that the accountant could not provide an audit opinion.

Description of Information Collection

The information collection, submission, and retention requirement applies to each air carrier and foreign air carrier that incurred costs for the screening of passengers and property in calendar year 2000. As this is an ongoing record retention requirement and no new air carriers and foreign air carriers are subject to the requirements of current 49 CFR part 1511, the burden estimates do not anticipate any start-up costs or changes over subsequent years. It is estimated that the 185 respondent air carriers and foreign air carriers will each on average incur \$104.60 annually, which includes \$54.60 in records storage and \$50 in labor costs for 2 hours of records management at \$25 per hour. Thus, the annual average burden related to this requirement for all respondents is \$19,351. The subject records may be used by TSA to make determinations regarding security-related costs in calendar year 2000, including conducting reviews and otherwise ensuring compliance with 49 CFR 1511.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on October 23, 2012.

/s/

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TSA Paperwork Reduction Act Officer,

Office of Information Technology.

