

desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by September 10, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Voluntary Tanker Agreement Program; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a public meeting for the purpose of developing the final

text of the Voluntary Tanker Agreement (VTA). The public meeting will be held via teleconference and web conference. Teleconference and web conference access information will be provided once meeting participants register to attend as provided for in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

DATES: The public meeting via teleconference and web conference will take place on August 18, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Requests to participate must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on August 14, 2020. If you wish to speak during the meeting, you must submit a written copy of your remarks via email to rhonda.davis@dot.gov no later than August 14, 2020.

Attendees should register with MARAD by 12:00 p.m. on August 14, 2020 by providing their name, telephone number, email address, title, and organization to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by August 14, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via teleconference and web conference. Access information will be provided upon registration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William G. McDonald, Director, Office of Sealift Support, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office Telephone (202) 366–0688; Cell Phone (202) 570–0062, or william.g.mcdonald@dot.gov. Members of the public who wish to register, request accommodations for a disability, or speak during the teleconference, must contact Rhonda Davis at (202)–309–9775 or rhonda.davis@dot.gov, with their contact information and affiliations by the timelines in the **DATES** section above. Once the participant has registered, Ms. Davis will email the participant teleconference and web access information unless another form of MARAD response communication is requested at the time of registration (e.g. by telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is developing a voluntary agreement necessary to renew the Voluntary Tanker Agreement Program, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 708 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (DPA), as amended. Regulations governing Voluntary Tanker Agreements (VTAs) appear at 44 CFR

part 332. The proposed agreement will revise and replace the VTA that was published in Volume 73 of the **Federal Register** at page 51692 (Sept. 4, 2008).

Because the proposed VTA will contain changes, both former and new participants must submit a new application once the final text is published. VTA applications are available from MARAD by contacting the persons listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. The complete draft text of the proposed agreement was published in the **Federal Register** on November 1, 2019, 84 FR 58824–58829. Copies of the draft text are also available to the public upon request.

II. Agenda

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome, opening remarks, and introductions; (2) brief remarks by the Associate Administrator for Strategic Sealift or Director, Office of Sealift Support; (3) administrative items; (4) review of public docket comments; (5) oral participation from the public; and (6) closing remarks.

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public.

Public Comments: The public comment period at the meeting will commence at approximately 1:30 p.m. on August 18, 2020. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to five minutes. Speakers will be placed on the agenda in the order in which the notifications are received. If time allows, additional speakers will be permitted. Persons wishing to speak during public meeting should refer to the **DATES** section, above.

Written comments: Written comments should be submitted via email by August 14, 2020. See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. Also, MARAD is extending the period for the submission of written comments established in its **Federal Register** notice of November 1, 2019 (84 FR 58824) from December 2, 2019 to August 14, 2020. Comments submitted after the August 14, 2020 will be accepted as is practical. Written comments submitted after the meeting may be submitted as follows:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2019–0183 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* The Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility address is: U.S.

Department of Transportation, MARAD—2019–0183, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. Facility hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Services for Individuals with Disabilities: The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this teleconference for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact Rhonda Davis at rhonda.davis@dot.gov.

(Authority: 50 U.S.C. 4558, 49 CFR 1.93(l), 44 CFR 332)

Dated: July 22, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Small Dollar Loan Program

ACTION: Notice and request for information.

SUMMARY: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), U.S. Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments concerning the Small Dollar Loan Program (SDLP).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 10, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments via email to Mia Sowell, Acting Program Manager, Small Dollar Loan Program, CDFI Fund, at cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov or Service Request (SR) in the Awards Management Information System (AMIS). For the SR, select “Small Dollar Loan Program” for the record type.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mia Sowell, Acting Program Manager, Small Dollar Loan Program, CDFI Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, by phone at (202) 653–0300 or email to cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Small Dollar Loan Program (SDLP)

Background: The SDLP is a new program, authorized by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to be administered by the CDFI Fund. The CDFI Fund received

\$5 million for the SDLP under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116–93). The first Notice for Funding Availability (NOFA) and Application are anticipated to be released in FY 2021. Eligible applicants, per the SDLP statute (12 U.S.C. 4719), will be limited to Certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and partnerships between such Certified CDFIs and any other Federally Insured Depository Institution with a primary mission to serve targeted Investment Areas. A “Federally Insured Depository Institution” means any insured depository institution as that term is defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

The purpose of the SDLP is to provide grants for Loan Loss Reserves (LLRs) and Technical Assistance (TA) to enable Certified CDFIs to establish and maintain small dollar loan programs. An applicant can request SDLP grants for LLRs, TA, or both. SDLP grants cannot be used to provide direct loans to consumers. The SDLP statute defines small dollar loans as those that do not exceed \$2,500. This funding is intended to help Certified CDFIs address the issues of expanding consumer access to mainstream financial institutions and providing alternatives to high cost small dollar loans. It is also intended to help unbanked and underbanked populations build credit, access affordable capital, and allow greater access into the mainstream financial system.

It is anticipated that award Recipients with demonstrated track records of providing small dollar loan products may have two years to expend their award dollars and a two year Period of Performance, while those with a limited track record (or those who plan to establish a small dollar loan product shortly after receiving an award) may have three years to expend award dollars and a three year Period of Performance. Applicants should keep in mind there is a distinction between expending award funds and meeting all performance goals set forth in the Assistance Agreements during the Period of Performance. For LLR grants, it is anticipated that SDLP awards will be considered expended upon being allocated by the Recipient as loan loss reserves for an SDLP, after execution of the Assistance Agreement. However, Recipients must meet additional, to-be-determined performance goals, beyond just expending award dollars, during the Period of Performance that will be set forth in their Assistance Agreements. This RFI seeks input on performance goals.

The CDFI Fund will make SDLP awards to qualified Certified CDFIs based upon criteria to be set forth in a forthcoming NOFA and Application.

Type of Review: Regular

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions, non-profit entities, and State, local, and Tribal entities participating in CDFI Fund programs.

Proposed Definitions of Key Terms:

This section contains proposed definitions of key terms to assist in the review of this document and is not a comprehensive list of all defined terms relevant to the SDLP. Please see the SDLP statute (12 U.S.C. 4719) for other defined terms related to the SDLP.

(a) Federally Insured Depository Institution means any insured depository institution as that term is defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

(b) Investment Area means as that term is defined in 12 CFR 1805.201(b)(3)(ii).

(c) Loan Loss Reserve (LLR) means funds set aside in the form of cash reserves, or through accounting-based accrual reserves, to cover losses on loans, accounts, and notes receivable or for related purposes that the CDFI Fund deems appropriate. SDLP grants can be used to establish LLRs in order to defray the costs of offering small dollar loan products.

(d) Small Dollar Loan Program means a loan program wherein a Certified CDFI or partnership offers loans to consumers that:

- Are made in amounts not exceeding \$2,500;
- must be repaid in installments;
- have no pre-payment penalty;
- have payments reported to at least one of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies; and
- meet any other affordability requirements as may be established by the CDFI Fund.

(e) Technical Assistance (TA) means technology, staff support, and other activities associated with establishing a small dollar loan program. SDLP grants can be used for TA costs.

Requests for Information: Prior to releasing the initial NOFA and Application for the SDLP, the CDFI Fund is seeking input from the public on various aspects of the SDLP through this Request for Information (RFI), to ensure that the program addresses the needs of Certified CDFIs to establish and maintain a small dollar loan program that maximizes benefits to their beneficiaries.

Through this RFI, the CDFI Fund seeks input from the public on certain aspects of the SDLP, as listed in