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CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL LETTER

TO: Heads of Civilian Agencies, other than NASA

SUBJECT: Current Interest Rate

The Secretary of the Treasury has established an interest rate of 9 3/4 percent for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1986, and ending June 30, 1986, pursuant to Section 105(b)(2) of the Renegotiation Act of 1951, as amended by Pub. L. 92-41, dated July 1, 1971. A copy of the Federal Register notice is enclosed.

This interest rate is used in computing amounts paid by or to the Government under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978; the Prompt Payment Act; and the various payment requirements throughout the FAR at 31.205-10(a)(1)(ii), 31.205-19(a)(3)(i), 32.407(a)(2), 32.407(b), 32.610(b)(2), 32.613(1), 32.614-1(c), 33.208, 49.112-1(g), 49.603-3(b)(7)(xiv), 52.230-3(a)(5), 52.230-5(a)(4), 52.232-12(f)(3), 52.232-17(a), 52.233-1(g), 52.249-2(1)(2), 52.249-3(1)(2), 52.249-6(1)(2), and 52.249-11(j)(2).

LAWRENCE J. RIZZI
Chairman
Civilian Agency Acquisition Council

Enclosure

To conduct this study, information will be needed on various aspects of transborder trucking operations. Specifically, information is being sought on the following questions:

1. Approximately how many Canadian vehicles with gross weights over 55,000 pounds are engaged in transborder trucking; what percentage of these vehicles travel over 5,000 miles per year in the United States (7,500 miles if agricultural), and what percent of total travel is typically in the United States?

2. Is travel in the United States by Canadian carriers spread across many States or is it concentrated in a few States? Which States? Are there particular cities between which significant shares of transborder trucking shipments move, and if so, what are they and what share of total transborder trucking mileage by vehicles with taxable gross weights over 55,000 pounds is between these principal origins and destinations?

3. Approximately how many United States-based vehicles with taxable gross weights over 55,000 pounds travel over 5,000 miles per year in Canada (7,500 miles if agricultural), and what percentage of total travel by those vehicles is in Canada?

4. Do transborder trucking operations differ significantly from other operations in terms of the types of commodities hauled, the number of empty backhauls, the type and size of carriers, or other factors?

5. Do Canadian carriers purchase fuel and tires in the United States in proportion to their travel in the United States? To what extent do Canadian carriers purchase tractors or trailers in the United States? Do United States carriers purchase fuel and equipment subject to Canadian highway user fees in proportion to their Canadian travel?

6. What provincial fuel taxes, motor carrier fees, and other highway user fees are levied on Canadian motor carrier operations? Which of these taxes are paid by United States carriers traveling in Canada?

7. What data are available to estimate the proportion of total travel by Canadian vehicles with taxable gross weights over 55,000 pounds that is in the United States, and the proportion of total travel by similar vehicles owned by United States Carriers that is in Canada?

8. What administrative problems might arise in levying the full (or partial) heavy vehicle use tax on all Canadian vehicles traveling over 5,000 miles (7,500 miles if agricultural) per year in the United States and how might they be overcome? What would be the impacts on transborder trucking of levying the

full or partial HVUT on all Canadian vehicles?

Comments and information on these questions and other transborder trucking issues being addressed in this study should be sent to the docket established by this notice.

Issued on January 8, 1986.

R.A. Barnhart,
Federal Highway Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

[Notice No. 578; Ref: ATF O 1100.138]

Delegation to the Regional Audit Manager and Compliance Operations Auditors of Authorities of the Director in 27 CFR Part 70, Procedure and Administration

Delegation Order

1. *Purpose.* This order delegates certain authorities of the Director to the Regional Audit Manager and Compliance Operations Auditors.

2. *Delegations.* Under the authority vested in the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, by Treasury Department Order Number 221, dated June 6, 1972 and by 26 CFR 301.7701-9, the authority to administer oaths and certifying under 27 CFR 70.35 is delegated to the following:

a) Compliance Operations Regional Audit Managers.

b) Compliance Operations Auditors.

3. *Redelegation.* The authority may not be redelegated.

4. *For Information Contact:* Ralph W. Johnson, Audit Programs Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20228, (202) 566-7310.

5. *Effective Date.* This delegation order becomes effective on January 13, 1986.

Approved: January 8, 1986.

Stephen E. Higgins,
Director.

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Fiscal Service

Renegotiation Board Interest Rate and Prompt Payment Interest Rate

The Renegotiation Board previously published the rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to section 105(b)(2) of the

Renegotiation Act of 1951, as amended. Since the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, the Department of the Treasury is publishing the current rate of interest. Also, pursuant to section 2(b)(1) of Pub. L. 97-177, dated May 21, 1982, the Secretary of the Treasury is responsible for computing and publishing the interest rate to be used in cases under the Prompt Payment Act.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the above mentioned sections, the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the purpose of said sections, for the period beginning January 1, 1986 and ending on June 30, 1986, 9% per centum per annum.

Dated: December 31, 1985.

Gerald Murphy,
Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary.
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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Fayetteville, NC; 120-Bed Nursing Home Care Unit; Finding of No Significant Impact

The Veterans Administration (VA) has assessed the potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the construction of a Nursing Home Care Unit (NHCU) and has determined that the potential environmental impacts from the development of this project will be minimal.

The VA is considering construction of a new 120-Bed NHCU comprised of approximately 47,000 gross square feet at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The preferred concept, which would be implemented if the project receives administrative approval and pending the availability of budgetary resources, would provide construction of a two-story building connecting with the main hospital by way of an elevated enclosed corridor. Associated site development would include exterior patient use areas and approximately 70 parking spaces.

Construction of this project will have impacts on the human and natural environment affecting open space and air quality. Air quality impacts will be short-term and minimal, resulting primarily from construction activity. All environmental attributes analyzed would not be affected to any extent if the "No Action" alternative was selected. However, anticipated medical needs would not be addressed if that alternative were implemented.