

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Announcement of Changes 6, 7, and 8 of the Standard Clauses**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of Changes 6, 7 and 8 of the standard clauses used in FAA procurement contracts and Screening Information Requests (SIR), as well as the latest versions of the real property and utility clauses.

ADDRESSES: The complete text of Changes 6, 7 and 8 of the standard clauses and the latest versions of the real property and utility clauses are available on the Internet at <http://fast.faa.gov/>. Use of the Internet World Wide Web Site is strongly encouraged for access to copies of the current clauses. If Internet service is not available, requests for copies of these documents may be made to the following address: FAA Acquisition Reform, ASU-100, Rm. 435, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Lankford, Procurement Management Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, Rm. 435, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20591, (202) 267-8407.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 31, 1995, Congress passed an Act Making Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies, for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1996, and for Other Purposes (The 1996 DOT Appropriations Act). On November 15, 1995, the President signed this bill into law. In Section 348 of this law, Congress directed the Administrator of the FAA to develop and implement a new acquisition management system that addresses the unique needs of the agency. The new FAA Acquisition Management System went into effect on April 1, 1996.

[See Notice of availability at 61 FR 15155 (April 4, 1996)].

The Air Traffic Management System Performance Improvement Act of 1996, title II of the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996, Public Law 104-264, October 9, 1996, expanded the procurement reforms previously authorized by the 1996 DOT Appropriations Act. Amendment 01 implements title II and makes other

necessary changes to, and clarifications of, the FAA Acquisition Management System.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 30, 1998.

Gilbert B. Devey, Jr.,

Director of Acquisitions, ASU-1.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Suffolk County, New York**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), USDOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Suffolk County, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Siracusa, P.E., Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York, 11788, Telephone: (516) 952-6632

or
Harold J. Brown, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 9th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York, 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve NY Route 25 in Suffolk County, New York. The proposed improvement would involve the reconstruction and widening of about 2.5 miles of the existing route and crossroad approaches in the Town of Smithtown and the Village of the Branch between NY Route 111 and NY Route 347. Improvements to this corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand and to address existing pavement and safety deficiencies.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) widening the existing mainline to provide: (a) Four lanes consisting of two eastbound travel lanes, one westbound travel lane, and one continuous center left turn lane between NY 111 and Terry Road and (b) three lanes consisting of one eastbound travel lane, one westbound travel lane, and one

continuous center left turn lane between Terry Road and NY 347; (3) widening the existing two and three lane highway to a five lane section with no shoulders; (4) widening the existing two and three lane highway to a five lane section with shoulders. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade, alignment, shoulder widths, and intersection configurations.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to provide organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposal. A public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. No formal NEPA scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the NYSDOT or FHWA at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315, 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: January 26, 1998.

Robert Arnold,

District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Albany, New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33545]

Turners Island, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Portland Terminal Co.

Turners Island, LLC (TI), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Portland Terminal Company (PT) and to operate approximately 1.09 miles of rail line designated as Yard 3 Track extending between Engineering Station 82 + 03 and Engineering Station 23 + 97, in South Portland, Cumberland County,

ME.¹ In addition, TI will also acquire incidental trackage rights over PT's rail line between Engineering Station 82 + 03, where it intersects with the line being acquired, and Engineering Station 148 + 72 on Yard 3 Track, in South Portland, a distance of approximately 1.27 miles.

The transaction is expected to be consummated after the January 29, 1998 effective date of the exemption.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33545, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Peter A. Greene, Esq., Thompson Hine & Flory LLP, 1920 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: January 28, 1998.

By the Board, David M. Kongschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Request for Proposals

PROGRAM TITLE: Creative Arts Exchange Program.

SUMMARY: The Office of Citizen Exchanges within the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations that demonstrate disciplinary expertise in the arts and humanities and meet the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3) may apply to develop international projects for visual and/or performing artists, educators and arts administrators. These projects will consist of residencies and programs in which selected participants from the United States and other countries work,

learn or create together. An overarching goal of this program is to foster on-going sustainable linkages and partnerships between arts organizations or institutions in the U.S. and other countries. Participant exchanges and residencies offer benefits to artists and arts administrators as well as their sponsoring organizations. Particular emphasis will be placed on projects that closely relate art and culture to furthering public understanding and awareness of global issues and social concerns and/or projects that utilize the arts to promote solutions to societal problems. Interested applicants are invited to request and read the complete Solicitation Package before submitting their proposals. Proposed projects must be eligible in terms of countries/localities and disciplines as described in the section entitled "Eligibility" below.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * * ; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world."

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. The package consists of a Federal Register Request For Proposals (RFP); a statement outlining the Project Objectives, Goals and Implementation (POGI); and Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI). USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning this RFP should refer to the announcement's title and reference number *E/P-98-29*.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Thursday, April 2, 1998. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked by the due date but received at a later date will not be accepted. Approximate program dates: Project timetables should assume

a funding date no earlier than July 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Program Officer Jill Johansen in the Cultural Programs Section, Office of Citizen Exchanges, E/PY, Room 568, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone: (202) 205-2209, fax: (202) 619-5311, Internet: jjohanse@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award information. Please request required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

TO DOWNLOAD A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA INTERNET: The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

TO RECEIVE A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA FAX ON DEMAND: The entire Solicitation Package may be received via the Bureau's "Grants Information Fax on Demand System", which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. Please request a "Catalog" of available documents and order numbers when first entering the system.

Please specify USIA Program Officer Jill Johansen on all inquiries and correspondence. Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

SUBMISSIONS: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and three (3) copies of the full package plus (11) eleven additional copies of Tabs A-E of your proposal should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: *E/P-98-29*, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

Applicants must also submit the "Executive Summary" and "Proposal Narrative" sections of the proposal on a 3.5" diskette, formatted for DOS. This material must be provided in ASCII text (DOS) format with a maximum line length of 65 characters. USIA will transmit these files electronically to USIS posts overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time it takes to get posts' comments for the Agency's grants review process.

DIVERSITY, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY GUIDELINES: Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must

¹ PT received Board authorization to abandon this line through a notice of exemption in *Portland Terminal Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Cumberland County, ME*, STB Docket No. AB-268 (Sub-No. 15X) (STB served Aug. 28, 1997).