

location: Barbour, Calhoun, Gilmer, Lewis, Pleasants, Tyler, Upshur, Wirt, and Wood Counties in the State of West Virginia. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary counties have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is August 20, 2003, and for economic injury the deadline is March 22, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: July 17, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Guidelines on Goal Setting Under Procurement Preference Programs

AGENCY: Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) must ensure that agencies establish goals for small business procurement that collectively, meet or exceed the governmentwide goals established by the Small Business Act in section 15 (g)(1) and (2). It is the policy of the Federal government to ensure that small businesses have maximum practicable opportunity to participate in Federal procurement. SBA is responsible for implementing the goaling program, assisting Federal agencies in establishing and obtaining the goals, and publishing quality information to the public. We are committed to making the methods, models, and processes that produce these results transparent and rigorous.

In summary, we are proposing these Goaling Guidelines to implement the recommendations made by GAO in August 2001 and as a continuation of our commitment to meeting our responsibility to implement the Small Business Preference Goaling Program in a user friendly manner. We welcome the opportunity for the Federal agencies and the public to comment on our proposed Goaling Guidelines.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

SUMMARY: The Small Business Act establishes governmentwide goals and requires all Federal agencies with procurement authority to negotiate goals annually with SBA to ensure that small

businesses receive maximum opportunity for participation in Federal contracts. Statutory governmentwide goals based on the value of all prime contract awards are:

- 23 percent for small business;
- 5 percent for small disadvantaged small business;
- 5 percent for women-owned small business;
- 3 percent for service-disabled, veteran-owned small business; and
- 3 percent for certified HUBZone small businesses (FY 2003).

(FY 1999—1 percent, FY 2000—1.5 percent, FY 2001—2 percent, FY 2002—2.5 percent, FY 2003 and beyond—3 percent).

Subcontracting goals based on the value of subcontract awards are:

- 5 percent for small disadvantaged small business;
- 5 percent for women-owned small business; and
- 3 percent for service-disabled, veteran-owned small business.

SBA is required to obtain procurement data on achievements towards those goals and to publish an annual report to the President and the Congress that is also included in the *State of Small Business* report. As part of this mandate, SBA issues Goaling Guidelines that provide policy direction to the various Federal agencies pertaining to establishing annual goals, reporting procurement activity and submitting corrective action plans when goals are not met under the small business procurement preference programs. They provide procedures and timelines for the SBA to negotiate goals with each agency so that collectively the government-wide goals are established. The Goaling Guidelines, by which SBA manages the goaling program, must be updated periodically. Further, this document includes information on the statutory government-wide small business goals.

The current Goaling Guidelines were last revised in FY 2000 and are published on SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/GC/goals.

In August 2001, the General Accounting Office (GAO) reviewed SBA's Goaling Program. (Small Business: More Transparency Needed in Prime Contract Goal Program. GAO-01-551. August 2001.) On pages 3 and 17, GAO recommended that the Goaling Guidelines be revised to ensure clarity, transparency and consistency. The recommendations require SBA to:

- (1) Clearly communicate its goal-setting methodology,
- (2) ensure that all agencies have an opportunity to negotiate goals for fiscal year 2002 and subsequent years,

(3) re-assess its rationale for making certain types of exclusions, and

(4) clarify its guidance on small business goals.

Each of the GAO recommendations is addressed in the proposed Goaling Guidelines. We believe the proposed revisions clarify SBA's goaling policies and provide transparency to the agencies and the public. SBA has posted the proposed Goaling Guidelines discussed in this Notice on its Web site at www.sba.gov/GC/goals. Click on the "Proposed Goaling Guidelines" button.

DATES: Comments of publication in the **Federal Register** must be received by 30 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Linda G. Williams, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, 409 Third St., SW., Suite 8100, Washington, DC 20416. Send e-mail to goaling@sba.gov. You may also submit comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Holden, National Goaling Program Manager, Small Business Administration, 409 Third St., SW., Suite 8000, Washington, DC 20416. Telephone (202) 205-6460 or by e-mail to patricia.holden@sba.gov.

Authority: Sec. 21, Pub. L. 507, 92 Stat. 1757; Sec 502(3), Pub. L. 100-656, 102 Stat. 3881; Sec. 7106(a)(2)(c), Pub. L. 103-355, 108 Stat. 3375; Sec. 221, Pub. L. 5-507.

Dated: July 17, 2003.

Fred C. Armendariz,

Associate Deputy Administrator, for Government Contracting and Business Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4415]

Notice of Receipt of Application for Presidential Permit for the Construction of a New International Border Crossing

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has received an application for a permit authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of an international rail bridge in the Brownsville, Texas, area. The application has been filed by Cameron County, Texas, for a permit for a new single-track rail crossing 15 miles from the existing international rail bridge.

The Department's jurisdiction with respect to this application is based upon Executive Order 11423, dated August 16, 1968, as amended, and the International Bridge Act of 1972, (Pub. L. 92-343, 86 Stat. 731, approved September 26, 1972).

As required by E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to concerned agencies for comment.

Interested persons may submit their views regarding this application in writing by August 1, 2003, to Mr. Dennis M. Linskey, Coordinator, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs, Room 4258, Department of State, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520.

The application and related documents made part of the record to be considered by the Department of State in connection with this application are available for review in the Office of Mexican Affairs during normal business hours throughout the comment period.

Any questions related to this notice may be addressed to Mr. Linskey at the above address or by fax at (202) 647-5752.

Dated: July 15, 2003.

Gregory Sprow,

*Deputy Director, Office of Mexican Affairs,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4416]

Notice of Receipt of Application for Presidential Permit for the Construction of a New International Border Crossing

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has received an application from the County of El Paso, Texas for a Presidential Permit seeking authorization for the construction, operation and maintenance of an international bridge between Tornillo, Texas and Guadalupe, Chihuahua, Mexico. The proposed six lane bridge would be located approximately 650 feet from the existing Fabens-Caseta international crossing.

The Department's jurisdiction with respect to this application is based upon Executive Order 11423, dated August 16, 1968, as amended, and the International Bridge Act of 1972, (Pub. L. 92-343, 86 Stat. 731, approved September 26, 1972).

As required by E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to concerned agencies for comment.

Interested persons may submit their views regarding this application in writing by August 30, 2003 to Mr. Dennis M. Linskey, Coordinator, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs, Room 4258, Department of State, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520.

The application and related documents made part of the record to be considered by the Department of State in connection with this application are available for review in the Office of Mexican Affairs during normal business hours throughout the comment period.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Public Notice for Waiver of Aeronautical Land-Use Assurance; Otsego County Regional Airport; Gaylord, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent of waiver with respect to land.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal to change a portion of the airport from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical use and to authorize the sale of the airport property. The proposal consists of three parcels: Parcel A is 1.42 acres, Parcel B is 1.41 acres and Parcel C is 0.81 acres, totaling approximately 3.64 acres. Current use and present condition is abandoned dwelling and associated vacant land. The land was part of the original airport property and was not purchased with federal funds. There are no impacts to the airport by allowing the airport to dispose of the property.

The proposed land will be used to enhance the infrastructure surrounding the airport by developing commercial businesses. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the disposal of the subject airport property nor a determination of eligibility for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. The disposition of proceeds from the disposal of the airport property will be in accordance FAA's Policy and

Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, published in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 1999.

In accordance with section 47107(h) of title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before modifying the land-use assurance that requires the property to be used for an aeronautical purpose.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 23, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stephanie Swann, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Detroit Airports District Office, DET ADO-613, Metro Airport Center, 11677 South Wayne Road, Suite 107, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Telephone Number: 734-229-2945/FAX Number: 734-229-2950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is a legal description of the property located in Gaylord, Otsego County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Parcel "A": A parcel of land in the NE 1/4 of Section 8, T30N-R3W, Bagley Township, Otsego County, Michigan described as: Beginning at the NE corner of said Section 8; Thence South 00 degrees 16'27" E, 208.00' along the East line of said Section 8; thence North 89 degrees 58'40" W 295.93'; thence North 00 degrees 54'32" W, 208.03'; thence South 89 degrees 58'40" E, 298.23' along the North line of said Section 8 to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.42 acres, more or less, and being subject to an easement for highway purposes over and across the Northerly 33' and Easterly 40' thereof. Said parcel contains approximately 1.42 acres.

Parcel "B": A parcel of land in the NE 1/4 of Section 8, T30N-R3W, Bagley Township, Otsego County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the NE corner of said Section 8; thence South 00 degrees 16'27" E, 208.00' along the East line of said Section 8 to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 16'27" E, 208.00' along the East line of said Section 8; thence North 89 degrees 58'40" W, 293.63'; thence North 00 degrees 54'32" E, 208.03'; thence South 89 degrees 58'40" E, 295.93' to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.41 acres more or less, and being subject to an easement for highway purposes over and across the Easterly 40' thereof. Said parcel contains approximately 1.41 acres.

Parcel "C": A parcel of land in the NE 1/4 of Section 8, T30N-R3W, Bagley Township, Otsego County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the NE corner of Said Section 8; thence South 00 degrees 16'27" E, 416.00' along the East line of said Section 8 to the Point