SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FRA’s Office of Research and Development and Office of Railroad Safety are concerned about the health and safety of train crews who witness traumatic events from grade crossing and trespasser incidents. These incidents carry the risk of exposure to the sort of situations known to trigger severe emotional and psychological distress, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the more immediate Acute Distress Disorder (ASD). FRA seeks to fund a grant assessing the applicability of current knowledge about post traumatic interventions and to advance evidenced-based recommendations for controlling the risks associated with traumatic exposure in the railroad setting. The selected entity will develop one or more program designs suitable for implementation by rail carriers in partnership with their respective unions and researchers. FRA’s Office of Research and Development has $50,000 available in fiscal year 2010 to fund a grant for the initial development of an intervention plan for reducing the effects of traumatic exposure to grade crossing and trespasser incidents in particular. Additional funding may be available in future years for expansion and implementation of the intervention.

Eligible Organizations. Any individual or organization with previous experience designing and implementing a PTSD intervention program, along with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the project director/principal investigator, is invited to develop an application for support.

Selection Criteria. Proposals submitted under this notice must, at a minimum, satisfy the following requirement: The principal investigator(s) identified to lead the technical effort under this program must have demonstrated experience working with employees and employers to successfully implement programs mediating the effects of employees’ exposure to trauma. Proposals that meet the minimum qualifications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Key Personnel and Supporting Organization. The technical qualifications and demonstrated experience of key personnel proposed to lead and perform the technical efforts (e.g., holding a Ph.D. in psychology or related fields, having peer-reviewed publications relating to PTSD, ASD, or other trauma interventions); and qualifications of primary and supporting organizations to fully and successfully execute the proposal plan within the proposed time frame and budget.

2. Technical Merit. Degree to which proposed ideas exhibit a basis in established scientific and psychological principles and practices; and the perceived likelihood of technical and practical success in a railroad environment.

Requirements and Conditions for Grant Applications. Detailed application requirements and conditions may be found in the grant application guidance (CFDA Number 20.313) for this solicitation on Grants.gov.

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Mark Yachmetz, Associate Administrator for Railroad Policy and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non domestic Gear-Motor Assembly with Horsepower 7.5, Output RPM 15, Torque 33011 in-lb, Voltage 220/460 and brakes torque 55.3 in-lb. The use of the Gear-Motor assembly is for replacement of original machinery that meets Federal design code, AASHTO LRFD for Movable Highway Bridge Design Specifications for bascule bridges.

In accordance with Division A, section 123 of the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010” (Pub. L. 111–117), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for Gear-Motor assembly (http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=48) on May 5, 2010. The FHWA received no comments in response to the publication, which suggests that the Gear-Motor assembly may not be available domestically. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers for Gear-Motor assembly with Horsepower 7.5, Output RPM 15, Torque 33011 in-lb, Voltage 220/460 and brakes torque 55.3 in-lb. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers for Gear-Motor assembly with Horsepower 7.5, Output RPM 15, Torque 33011 in-lb, Voltage 220/460 and brakes torque 55.3 in-lb.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA–LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–244, 122 Stat.1572), the FHWA...
is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA’s web site via the link provided to the Florida waiver page noted above.


Issued on: June 23, 2010.

Victor M. Mendez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic high strength steel bars ASTM A722M 150 ksi (11⁄8 inches in diameter) for emergency repairs of broken eye bars on the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge in California. These emergency repairs did not require prior FHWA authorization. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) conducted a search and was not able to find a domestic source for the high strength steel bars ASTM A722M 150 ksi (11⁄8 inches in diameter). As a result, Caltrans proceeded to utilize a foreign source for this product. Based on the emergency situation, and Caltrans’ reasonable efforts to comply with Buy America, the FHWA concludes that a public interest waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic high strength steel bars for emergency repairs of broken eye bars on the San Francisco Oakland Bridge in California.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is July 6, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakovenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366–4928, or via e-mail at gerald.yakovenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–4928, or via e-mail at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., et., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access


Background

The FHWA’s Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate to use for the non-domestic steel component for the UNISTRUT fall protection system, which is compatible with the existing system.

In accordance with section 123 of Division A, of the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010” (Pub. L. 111–17), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for the steel component of the UNISTRUT fall protection system (http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=50) on May 25, 2010. The FHWA received three comments in response to the publication. The three comments suggested different domestic manufacturers of fall protection systems and opposed the approval of the waiver request. The New Jersey Department of Transportation responded with a comment stating that the waiver is for replacement of a component of the existing UNISTRUT fall protection system and not for an entirely new fall protection system. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers of a compatible steel component for the UNISTRUT fall protection system. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of compatible steel components for the UNISTRUT fall protection system.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA–LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA’s Web site via the link provided to the New Jersey waiver page, noted above.


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