

Air Force Base will be invited as cooperating agencies for this proposal.

Scoping And Public Comments: Native Americans, federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to be involved in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS by participating in scoping meetings and/or submitting written comments. Written comments will be accepted within 30 days of publication of the NOI in the **Federal Register**. The scoping process will help identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS. Scoping meetings will be held in El Paso, Texas, and Alamogordo and Las Cruces, New Mexico. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be locally announced and published.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Acquisition of Items for Which Federal Prison Industries Has a Significant Market Share

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing this notification to set forth an up-to-date list of product categories for which the Federal Prison Industries' share of the DoD market is greater than five percent.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 8, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Defense and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Susan Pollack, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060; telephone (703) 697-8336.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181, amended DoD's competition requirements for acquisition of products from Federal Prison Industries (FPI). On November 19, 2009, a final rule was published at 74 FR 59914, which amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) at subpart 208.6 to implement section 827.

Among other things, section 827 required DoD to publish a list of product categories for which FPI's share of the

DoD market was greater than five percent, based on the most recent fiscal year data available. Section 827 also provides for modification of the published list if DoD subsequently determines that new data require adding or omitting a product category from the list.

This notification provides a modified list of FPI product categories exceeding five percent of the DoD market, based on Fiscal Year 2011 data obtained from the Federal Procurement Data System. An identical list is also found in the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) memorandum dated January 12, 2012. (The DPAP memorandum with the updated list of product categories for which FPI has a significant market share is posted at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA007288-11-DPAP.pdf>.)

Accordingly, the updated product categories for which FPI's share of the DOD market is greater than five percent are:

- 3625 (Textile Industries Machinery);
- 3990 (Miscellaneous Materials Handling Equipment);
- 6020 (Fiber Optic Cable Assemblies and Harnesses);
- 7110 (Office Furniture);
- 7230 (Draperies, Awnings, and Shades);
- 8420 (Underwear and Nightwear, Men's); and
- 8465 (Individual Equipment).

Product categories on the updated list, and the products within each identified product category, must be procured using competitive or fair opportunity procedures in accordance with DFARS 208.602-70(c)(1). FPI must be included in the solicitation process and will be considered in accordance with the policy set forth in 8.602(a)(4)(ii) through (v) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Notice of Availability for Public Comment of Interconnection Facilities Studies Prepared for the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Project

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment of Interconnection Facilities Studies.

SUMMARY: Sempra Generation applied to the Department of Energy (DOE), on behalf of Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Mexico, currently referred to as the Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Project (ESJ Project). The ESJ Project would connect a wind energy project to be built in the vicinity of La Rumorosa, Baja California, Mexico, to San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) existing Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. DOE hereby announces the availability for public comment of the Interconnection Studies prepared for the ESJ Project.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0001. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov (preferred), or by facsimile to (202) 318-7761.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jerry Pell (Program Office) at (202) 586-3362, or by email to Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov, or contact Brian Mills at (202) 586-8267, or by email to Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On December 20, 2007, Sempra Generation, on behalf of Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of DOE for a Presidential permit. That application was originally noticed in the **Federal Register** for public comment on February 22, 2008 (73 FR 9782). The proposed transmission line project would connect up to 1,250 megawatts of electric power produced from wind turbines to be located in the vicinity of La Rumorosa, Baja California, Mexico, to SDG&E's existing Southwest