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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Funding Availability for the Small Business Transportation Resource Center Program; Closing and Award Dates Extended

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability; Extension of closing and award dates

SUMMARY: This action extends the closing and award dates for a Notice of Funding Availability for the Small Business Transportation Resource Center that was published on July 19, 2012, 77 FR 36034. USDOT OSDBU is extending the closing date to allow eligible entities time to adequately submit a proposal.

DATES: The submission period for the Notice of Funding Availability published on July 19, 2012 closing on July 31, 2012 is extended until August 13, 2012, 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time. Also, the notice of award for the competed region on or before August 16, 2012 is extended until August 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be electronically submitted to OSDBU via email at SBTRC@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, contact Ms. Patricia Martin, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W56-462, Washington, DC, 20590. Telephone: 1-800 532 1169. Email: patricia.martin@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the June 19, 2012 document (Notice No. USDOT-OST-OSDBU-SBTRC2012-10; Docket Number: DOT-OST-2009-0092), the Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) announces the opportunity for; (1) Business centered community-based organizations; (2) transportation-related trade associations; (3) colleges and universities; (4) community colleges or; (5) chambers of commerce, registered

with the Internal Revenue Service as 501 C(6) or 501 C(3) tax-exempt organizations, to compete for participation in OSDBU's Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) program in the Central Region.

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Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26367]

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting of Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC).

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that MCSAC will hold a meeting on Monday-Wednesday, August 27-29, 2012. On Monday, August 27, 2012, MCSAC will be provided with briefings on the major motor carrier safety provisions of the recently enacted Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) [Pub. L. 112-140] surface transportation act and the Agency's Compliance, Safety, and Accountability (CSA) program and assigned a new task concerning CSA. Additionally, the MCSAC will establish a subcommittee on CSA to provide concepts, ideas, and recommendations on the program. On Monday afternoon, the Cross-Border Trucking Pilot Subcommittee will convene for a status update from the Agency. On Tuesday, August 28, 2012, MCSAC will be given a new task to provide ideas and concepts concerning the Regulatory Flexibility Act Section 610 review process and will hear presentations on that topic. Wednesday morning, August 29, 2012, will be reserved for MCSAC's Motorcoach Hours-of-Service (HOS) subcommittee. All three days of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: Time and Dates: The meetings will be held on Monday-Tuesday, August 27-28, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (E.D.T.), and on Wednesday, May 29, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., E.D.T. The meetings will be held at the Hilton

Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 in the Washington and Jefferson Rooms on the 2nd floor. The Hilton Alexandria Old Town is located across the street from the King Street Metro station.

Copies of all MCSAC Task Statements and an agenda for the entire meeting will be made available in advance of the meeting at <http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 385-2395, mcsac@dot.gov.

Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Elizabeth Turner at (617) 494-2068, elizabeth.turner@dot.gov, by Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

MCSAC

Section 4144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Public Law 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144, August 10, 2005) required the Secretary of Transportation to establish the MCSAC. The MCSAC provides advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on motor carrier safety programs and regulations, and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, 5 U.S.C. App 2).

II. Meeting Participation

Oral comments from the public will be heard during the last half-hour of the meetings on Monday and Tuesday and during the last 15 minutes of the meeting on Wednesday. Should all public comments be exhausted prior to the end of the specified period, the comment period will close. Members of the public may submit written comments on the topics to be considered during the meeting by Wednesday, May 16, 2012, to Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2006-26367 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

• *Mail*: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

• *Hand Delivery*: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Larry W. Minor,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2012-0029]

Notice of Request to Rescind Buy America Waiver for Minivans and Minivan Chassis

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request to rescind Buy America waiver and call for comments.

SUMMARY: The Vehicle Production Group LLC (VPG) has asked the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to rescind the Buy America non-availability waiver it issued on June 21, 2010, for minivans and minivan chassis. According to VPG, it manufactures minivans and minivan chassis that comply with all Buy America requirements under 49 CFR 661.11, including the final assembly requirement that was the subject of the June 2010 waiver. FTA seeks public comment before deciding whether to grant the request. If granted, the waiver would no longer apply; all minivans and minivan chassis purchased with federal funds would have to comply with the final assembly requirement of 49 CFR 661.11.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 4, 2012. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments by one of the following means, identifying your submissions by docket number FTA-2012-0029:

1. *Web site*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site.

2. *Fax*: (202) 493-2251.

3. *Mail*: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30,

West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery*: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must make reference to the "Federal Transit Administration" and include docket number FTA-2012-0029. Due to the security procedures in effect since October 2011, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to delays. Parties making submissions responsive to this notice should consider using an express mail firm to ensure the prompt filing of any submissions not filed electronically or by hand. Note that all submissions received, including any personal information therein, will be posted without change or alteration to <http://www.regulations.gov>. For more information, you may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary J. Lee, FTA Attorney-Advisor, at (202) 366-0985 or mary.j.lee@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this notice is to seek public comment on whether the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) should rescind the non-availability waiver it issued on June 21, 2010 (75 FR 35123). The waiver exempts minivans and minivan chassis from the Buy America final assembly requirements outlined at 49 CFR part 661, stating that it would remain in effect until such a time as a domestic source became available. If this waiver is rescinded, all minivans or minivan chassis purchased with Federal funds must comply with all Buy America requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), as implemented at 49 CFR 661.11. Among other things, compliance would require that final assembly for all minivans and minivan chassis take place in the United States.

The Vehicle Production Group LLC (VPG) asked FTA to rescind the minivan waiver. VPG manufactures the MV-1, a minivan assembled by AM General LLC (AM General) at AM General's plant in Mishawaka, Indiana. VPG certifies that the MV-1 complies with Buy America requirements for both domestic content and final assembly. Moreover, VPG maintains that it manufactures its MV-1 minivans in sufficient quantity to meet the current and future demand on FTA-funded projects.

With certain exceptions, FTA's Buy America requirements prevent FTA from obligating an amount that may be appropriated to carry out its program for a project unless "the steel, iron, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States." 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1). One exception, or waiver, is allowed if "the steel, iron, and goods produced in the United States are not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality." 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(B). FTA issued a non-availability waiver on June 21, 2010, for minivans and minivan chassis after finding that these items were not available from a domestic source that was willing and able to provide U.S.-made minivans and minivan chassis to FTA grantees in compliance with the Buy America rules.

Although FTA is not required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** before waiving its Buy America requirements on the basis of non-availability, or to rescind such a waiver, FTA sought comment from all interested parties regarding the availability of domestically manufactured minivans and minivan chassis in order to fully determine the absolute necessity of a waiver. Upon finding that minivans and minivan chassis are not available from a domestic source, FTA issued a waiver from its Buy America final assembly requirement under 49 CFR 661.11. However, FTA has continued to require compliance with FTA's domestic content requirement as well as the pre-award and post-delivery audit requirements under 49 CFR part 663.

The purpose of this notice is to publish VPG's request and to seek comment from all interested parties. Comments will help FTA to understand completely the facts surrounding VPG's request. Therefore, FTA seeks comment from all interested parties regarding a potential rescission of the waiver, the merits of VPG's request, and any effects such an action may have. A full copy of VPG's request has been placed in docket number FTA-2012-0029.

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