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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### The Secretary of State's International Council on Women's Business Leadership; Notice of Open Meeting

The Secretary of State's International Council on Women's Business Leadership (ICWBL) will meet from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, in the Harry S. Truman Building at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. The ICWBL serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity, and provides advice and assistance in the formulation of U.S. policy, positions, proposals and strategies for multilateral and bilateral negotiations, business outreach, and commercial diplomacy, particularly pertaining to the economic empowerment of women for global economic prosperity, where the State Department has the lead negotiating authority. The meeting will focus on Women and the Economy. Subcommittee discussions will be led by the Access to Markets Subcommittee, the Access to Capital Subcommittee, the Capacity Building and Skills Training Subcommittee, and the Leadership Subcommittee.

This meeting is open to public participation, via live webcast on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/e/eb/adcom/icwbl/>. The public is invited to submit written statements to the Secretary of State's International Council on Women's Business Leadership by C.O.B. November 20, 2012, by either of the following methods:

Send electronic statements to the Secretary of State's International Council on Women's Business Leadership at [SGWI\\_ICWBL@state.gov](mailto:SGWI_ICWBL@state.gov); send paper statements via facsimile to 202-632-9232, attention: Secretary of State's International Council on Women's Business Leadership (ICWBL).

All statements will be posted on the Secretary of State's ICWBL Web site without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. All statements received, including attachments and

other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

Meeting summaries of the Council's discussion will be available within 90 days on the ICWBL Web site <http://www.state.gov/e/eb/adcom/icwbl/>.

For additional information, contact Senior Coordinator Nancy Smith-Nissley, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, at (202) 647-1682 or [Smith-NissleyN@state.gov](mailto:Smith-NissleyN@state.gov).

Dated: October 17, 2012.

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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 Technologie Alpine De Securite (TAS) Gazex® Avalanche Exploder in the State of Utah and TAS O'Bell Avalanche Initiating Blaster for the State of Wyoming.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is November 6, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via email at [gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov](mailto:gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, or via email at [michael.harkins@dot.gov](mailto:michael.harkins@dot.gov). Office hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

## 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 non-domestic TAS Gazex® Avalanche Exploder for the State of Utah and TAS O'Bell Avalanche Initiating Blaster for the State of Wyoming.

In accordance with Title I, Division C, section 122 of the "Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012" (Pub. L. 112-55), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for TAS Gazex® Avalanche Exploder for the State of Utah (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=69>) on March 6, and TAS O'Bell Avalanche Initiating Blaster for State of Wyoming. (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=71>) on March 22. The FHWA received two comments in response to the Utah publication, and no comment in response to Wyoming publication. Both comments received in response to the Utah publication urged the use of domestic manufacturers, when possible, but did not provide any suggested manufacturers. During the 15-day comment periods, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers of TAS Gazex® Avalanche Exploder and TAS O'Bell Avalanche Initiating Blaster. The National Institute of Standards and Technology-Manufacturing Extension Partnership MEP also conducted supplier scouting on the Avalanche Initiating Blasters and reported that they could not find domestic matching items. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of TAS Gazex® Avalanche Exploder for the State of Utah and TAS O'Bell Avalanche Initiating Blaster for the State of Wyoming.

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