An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Tunica County, Mississippi, to establish a foreign-trade zone (FTZ) at sites in Tunica County, adjacent to the Memphis Customs and Border Protection port of entry, under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)).

The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new “subzones” or “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on November 9, 2012. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 59–3–33 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972).

The proposed zone would be the second general-purpose zone in Mississippi for the Memphis CBP port of entry and would be the sixth zone overall for the port of entry. The existing zones are as follows: FTZ 77, Memphis, Tennessee (Grantee: City of Memphis, Board Order 189, April 2, 1982); FTZ 223, Memphis, Tennessee (Grantee: Memphis International Trade Development Corporation, Board Order 904, July 2, 1997); FTZ 262, Southaven, Mississippi (Grantee: Northern Mississippi FTZ, Inc., Board Order 1353, October 1, 2004); FTZ 273, West Memphis, Arkansas (Grantee: City of West Memphis, Arkansas, Board Order 1511, April 15, 2008); and, FTZ 283, West Tennessee Area (Grantee: Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority, Board Order 1851, October 11, 2012).

The applicant’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Tunica County, Mississippi. If approved, the applicant would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is adjacent to the Memphis Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The proposed zone would include one “magnet” site and two “usage-