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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 FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic steel components of Airport Transit System (ATS) vehicles, ATS guideway switches, and ATS rails to be incorporated into the Chicago O'Hare International Airport Transit System Expansion & Modernization Project.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is December 5, 2016.

**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. William Winne, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, 202-366-1397, or via email at [William.Winne@dot.gov](mailto:William.Winne@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.

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**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 FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for use of non-domestic steel components of ATS vehicles, ATS guideway switches, and ATS rails to be incorporated into the Chicago O'Hare International Airport ATS Expansion & Modernization Project.

In accordance with Division K, section 122 of the "Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015" (Pub. L. 113-235), FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site; <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=125> on April 26th. The FHWA received two comments in response to the publication. Frank Johnson opposed granting a waiver and suggested that all products should be made in the United States. Brian Abbott of Voestalpine Nortrak claimed that Nortrack has the capability of manufacturing guideway switches domestically. The City of Chicago consulted with Nortrak and explored the possibility for domestic procurement of guideway switches. The City of Chicago determined that the guideway switches manufactured by Voestalpine Nortrak were not compatible with Chicago O'Hare Airport Transit System ATS. Chicago's June 28th response indicates that they coordinated with Voestalpine Nortrak regarding compatibility issues and provided a reasonable explanation of why a waiver is appropriate considering their project circumstances. Based on all the information available to the agency, FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of ATS vehicles, ATS guideway switches, and ATS rails for the Chicago O'Hare International Airport ATS Expansion & Modernization Project.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), 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 FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the waiver page noted above.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

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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 FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic galvanized strands consisting of HDPE or HDPP sheath filled corrosion inhibitor meeting FDOT specification 938, ASTM and PTI requirements for SR-836/I-395 from West of I-95 to MacArthur Causeway Bridge in the State of Florida.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is December 5, 2016.

**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. William Winne, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1397, or via email at [William.Winne@dot.gov](mailto:William.Winne@dot.gov). Office hours for FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**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

FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for use of non-domestic galvanized strands consisting of HDPE or HDPP sheath filled corrosion inhibitor meeting FDOT specification 938, ASTM and PTI requirements for SR-836/I-395 from West of I-95 to MacArthur Causeway Bridge in the State of Florida.

In accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114-113) and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 114-223), FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=136> on September 28th. The FHWA received no comments in response to the publication. Based on all the information available to the agency, FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of galvanized strands consisting of HDPE or HDPP sheath filled corrosion inhibitor meeting FDOT specification 938, ASTM and PTI requirements for SR-836/I-395 from West of I-95 to MacArthur Causeway Bridge in the State of Florida.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), 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 FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the waiver page noted above.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

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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 FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for procurement of two non-domestic Ship-to-Shore Container Gantry Cranes to accommodate Ultra Large Container Vessels at the Port of

Newark Container Terminal in the State of New Jersey.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is December 5, 2016.

**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. William Winne, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1397, or via email at [William.Winne@dot.gov](mailto:William.Winne@dot.gov). Office hours for FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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##### 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 FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for use of non-domestic Ship-to-Shore Container Gantry Cranes to accommodate Ultra Large Container Vessels at the Port of Newark Container Terminal in the State of New Jersey.

In accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114-113) and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 114-223), FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=134> on September 20th. The FHWA received three comments in response to the publication. The commenters provided general comments on Buy America with no specific information regarding domestic sources for Ship-to-Shore Container Gantry Cranes. Based on all the information available to the agency, FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of Ship-to-Shore Container Gantry Cranes to

accommodate Ultra Large Container Vessels at the Port of Newark Container Terminal.

The New Jersey State DOT, contractors, and subcontractors involved in the procurement of ship-to-shore container gantry cranes, are reminded of the need to comply with the Cargo Preference Act in 46 CFR part 38, if applicable.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), 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 FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the waiver page noted above.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD 2016-0120]

#### Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration (MARAD), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on August 12, 2016 (81 FR 53540).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 3, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deveeda Midgette, 202-366-2354, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W26-494, Washington, DC 20590.

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