

6, 2022, so that it can gather additional data from more projects to better assess the effect of local hire preferences on competition. The extension of this pilot program will provide FHWA and FTA recipients and subrecipients flexibility to continue operating under the pilot program while DOT conducts its evaluation as well as provide DOT with additional projects to consider in evaluating the impacts on competition.

Please note that Section 415 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114–113 (FY 2016 Appropriations Act), extended by Public Law 114–223 and Public Law 114–254, continues the restriction on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) from using FY 2016 funds to implement, administer or enforce 49 CFR 18.36(c)(2) for construction hiring. Accordingly, FTA recipients and subrecipients do not need to submit applications for participation in the pilot program for contracts awarded or advertised on or before September 30, 2016.

Additionally, we note that Section 192 of the FY 2016 Appropriations Act (also extended by Public Law 114–223 and Public Law 114–254) expressly authorizes DOT assisted contracts under titles 49 and 23 of the United States Code utilizing geographic, economic, or other hiring preferences not otherwise authorized by law if the grant recipient certifies the following:

(1) That except with respect to apprentices or trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the work that the contract requires resides in the jurisdiction;

(2) That the grant recipient will include appropriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that the contractor does not displace any of its existing employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference; and

(3) That any increase in the cost of labor, training, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring preference does not delay or displace any transportation project in the applicable Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Improvement Program.

Accordingly, recipients and subrecipients should follow the application process described in the March 6, 2015, **Federal Register** notice (80 FR 12257), except that recipients and subrecipients must also include the required certifications from Section 192 of the FY 2016 Appropriations Act as discussed above.

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Anthony R. Foxx,
Secretary of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders (E.O.s) 13722 and 13687.

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of two entities identified as blocked pursuant to E.O. 13722, “Blocking Property of the Government of North Korea and the Workers’ Party of Korea, and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to North Korea,” and of seven individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13687, “Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect to North Korea.”

DATES: OFAC’s actions described in this notice were effective on January 11, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Department of the Treasury’s OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202–622–2480, Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202–622–4855, Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202–622–2490; or the Department of the Treasury’s Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), Office of the General Counsel, tel.: 202–622–2410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC’s Web site (www.treasury.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On January 11, 2017, OFAC identified the following two entities as blocked pursuant to E.O. 13722, “Blocking Property of the Government of North Korea and the Workers’ Party of Korea, and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to North Korea”:

Entities

1. MINISTRY OF LABOR, Korea, North [DPRK3].

2. STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, Korea, North [DPRK3].

In addition, on January 11, 2017, OFAC blocked the property and interests in property of the following seven individuals pursuant to E.O. 13687, “Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect to North Korea”:

Individuals

1. KIM, Won Hong (a.k.a. KIM, Wo’n-hong), Korea, North; DOB 17 Jul 1945; Gender Male; Minister of State Security (individual) [DPRK2].

2. KIM, Yo Jong (a.k.a. KIM, Yo’-cho’ng), Korea, North; DOB 26 Sep 1989; Gender Female; Vice Director of the Workers’ Party of Korea Propaganda and Agitation Department (individual) [DPRK2].

3. KIM, Il-Nam (a.k.a. KIM, Il Nam), Korea, North; DOB 09 Apr 1958; Gender Male; Chief, South Hamgyong Province, Ministry of State Security (individual) [DPRK2].

4. CHOE, Hwi, Korea, North; DOB 01 Jan 1954 to 31 Dec 1955; Gender Male; First Vice Director of the Workers’ Party of Korea Propaganda and Agitation Department (individual) [DPRK2].

5. JO, Yong-Won (a.k.a. CHO, Yongwon), Korea, North; DOB 24 Oct 1957; Gender Male; Vice Director of the Organization and Guidance Department (individual) [DPRK2].

6. MIN, Byong Chol (a.k.a. MIN, Byong Chun; a.k.a. MIN, Byong-chol; a.k.a. MIN, Pyo’ng-ch’o’l), Korea, North; DOB 10 Aug 1948; Gender Male; Member of the Worker’s Party of Korea’s Organization and Guidance Department (individual) [DPRK2].

7. KANG, P’il-Hun (a.k.a. KANG, Phil Hun; a.k.a. KANG, Pil Hoon), Korea, North; DOB 11 Jun 1943; Gender Male; Director of the General Political Bureau of the Ministry of People’s Security (individual) [DPRK2].

Dated: January 11, 2017.

John E. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Specially Designated National and Blocked Person Pursuant to Executive Order 13469

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets

Control (OFAC) is publishing the name of one entity whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to Executive Order 13469 of July 25, 2008, "Blocking Property of Additional Persons Undermining Democratic Processes or Institutions in Zimbabwe."

DATES: OFAC's actions described in this notice are effective as of January 12, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202/622-2420, Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202/622-2490, Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202/622-2480, Office of Foreign Assets Control, or Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), tel.: 202/622-2410 (not toll free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available from OFAC's Web site (www.treasury.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On January 12, 2017, OFAC, in consultation with the U.S. Department of State, removed from the SDN List the entity listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13469 (E.O. 13469).

ZIMRE HOLDINGS LIMITED (a.k.a. *WWW.ZHL.CO.ZW*; a.k.a. ZIMRE), 9th Floor, Zimre Center, Cnr. Leopold Takawira/Kwame Nkrumah Avenue, P.O. Box 4839, Harare, Zimbabwe; Phone Number 263-4-772963; Fax Number 263-4-772972 [ZIMBABWE—E.O. 13469].

Dated: January 12, 2017.

John E. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing January 26, 2017—Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ADDRESSES: Room: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 419. Thursday, January 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at www.uscc.gov. Also, please check our Web site for possible changes to the hearing schedule. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Leslie Tisdale, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1496, or via email at LTisdale@uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Name: Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China."

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC On 1/26/2017 on "Chinese Investment in the United States: Impacts and Issues for Policymakers."

Background: This is the first public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2017 report cycle to collect input from academic, industry, and government experts on national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. This hearing will explore patterns of Chinese investment in the United States and implications for U.S. policymakers. Topics that will be examined include China's increasing investments in strategic sectors, Chinese state-owned companies claiming sovereign immunity in U.S. courts, and duress acquisitions of U.S. entities by Chinese firms. The hearing will also cover the activities of Chinese companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges, assessing implications for U.S. investors and the U.S. economy at large. The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioners Robin Cleveland and Michael Wessel. Any interested party may file a written statement by January 26, 2017, by mailing to the contact below. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: January 11, 2017

Michael Danis,

Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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