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Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a public meeting from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, room 203-02 (First St NE, Washington, DC 20515).

The public meeting will be on *The Future of American Spaces* and feature panelists discussing the role that nearly 700 American Spaces, including Binational Centers, play in supporting engagement with foreign publics around the world. These diverse venues are the U.S. government's primary public locations abroad and foster ongoing people-to-people connections between the United States and foreign audiences.

This meeting is open to the public, members and staff of Congress, the State Department, Defense Department, the media, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. An RSVP is required. To attend and make any requests for reasonable accommodation, email Michelle Bowen at BowenMC1@state.gov by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018. Please arrive for the meeting by 10:15 a.m. to allow for a prompt start.

The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy appraises U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The Advisory Commission may conduct studies, inquiries, and meetings, as it deems necessary. It may assemble and disseminate information and issue reports and other publications, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Director. The Advisory Commission may undertake foreign travel in pursuit

of its studies and coordinate, sponsor, or oversee projects, studies, events, or other activities that it deems desirable and necessary in fulfilling its functions.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members of the Commission shall represent the public interest and shall be selected from a cross section of educational, communications, cultural, scientific, technical, public service, labor, business, and professional backgrounds. Not more than four members shall be from any one political party. The President designates a member to chair the Commission.

The current members of the Commission are: Mr. Sim Farar of California, Chairman; Mr. William Hybl of Colorado, Vice Chairman; Ms. Anne Terman Wedner of Illinois; and Ms. Georgette Mosbacher of New York. Three seats on the Commission are currently vacant.

To request further information about the meeting or the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, you may contact its Executive Director, Dr. Shawn Powers, at PowersSM@state.gov.

Shawn M. Powers,

Executive Director, Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding FHWA's issuance of a Buy America waiver for the obligation of Federal-aid funds for 151 State projects involving the acquisition of vehicles and equipment on the condition that they be assembled in the U.S.

DATES: The waiver is issued as of April 17, 2018.

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. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Jomar Maldonado, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, 202-366-1373, or via email at

jomar.maldonado@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 Publishing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

This notice provides information regarding FHWA's decision to issue a Buy America waiver for the obligation of Federal-aid funds for 151 State projects involving the acquisition of vehicles (including sedans, vans, pickups, trucks, buses, and street sweepers) and equipment (such as trail grooming equipment) on the condition that they be assembled in the United States. The waiver would apply to approximately 955 vehicle and equipment acquisitions. The requests for vehicle-related waivers received between April 2016 and December 2016 are incorporated by reference into this notice. These requests are available on FHWA's Buy America website at the following locations:

- April to June, 2016: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/cmaq161207.cfm>;
- July to September, 2016: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/cmaq170321.cfm>; and
- October to December, 2016: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/cmaq170725.cfm>.

These projects are being undertaken to implement air quality improvement, safety, and mobility goals under FHWA's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and the Recreational Trails Program.

Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), § 635.410 requires that steel or iron materials (including protective coatings) that will be permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid project must be domestically manufactured. For FHWA, this means that all the processes that modified the chemical content, physical shape or size, or final finish of the material (from initial melting and mixing, continuing through the bending and coating) occurred in the United States. The statute and regulations create a process for granting waivers from the Buy America requirements when its application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. In 1983, FHWA determined