

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
Special Permits Data—Denied			
21254-N	Praxair Distribution, Inc	173.301(f)(1)	To authorize the transportation in commerce Chlorine (UN1017) in DOT specification cylinders, UN standard cylinders prescribed in part 178 of 49 CFR, DOT special permit cylinders, or TC cylinders which are not equipped with pressure relief devices.
21290-N	Orion Engineered Carbons LLC.	171.23(b)(10)(iv)(A)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Dinitrogen Tetroxide in non-DOT specification cylinders.
Special Permits Data—Withdrawn			
21251-N	Luxfer Inc	173.302a(a), 180.205	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification fully wrapped composite cylinders with load sharing aluminum liner with either aramid fiber or carbon fiber reinforcement, for use in aircraft with a limited number of filling cycles.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Fiscal Service

Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of prompt payment interest rate; Contract Disputes Act.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2022, the prompt payment interest rate is 1⁵/₈ per centum per annum.

DATES: Applicable January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022.

ADDRESSES: *Comments or inquiries may be mailed to:* E-Commerce Division, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 401 14th Street SW, Room 306F, Washington, DC 20227. *Comments or inquiries may also be emailed to* PromptPayment@fiscal.treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas M. Burnum, E-Commerce Division, (202) 874-6430; or Thomas Kearns, Senior Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 874-7036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern and has failed to pay for the complete delivery of property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of such penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). “The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made.” 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2022, is 1⁵/₈ per centum per annum.

Timothy E. Gribben,
Commissioner, Bureau of the Fiscal Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Loan Guaranty: Assistance to Eligible Individuals in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing; Cost-of-Construction Index

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces that the aggregate amounts of assistance available under the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant program will

increase by .85 percent for fiscal year (FY) 2022.

DATES: The increases in the aggregate amounts outlined in this notice are effective as of October 1, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Rouch, Assistant Director for Loan Policy and Valuation, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-632-8862. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 2102(e), 38 U.S.C. 2102A(b)(2), 38 U.S.C. 2102B(b)(2) and 38 CFR 36.4411, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs announces for FY 2022 the aggregate amounts of assistance available to veterans and Service members eligible for SAH program grants.

Section 2102(e)(2) authorizes the Secretary to increase the aggregate amounts of SAH assistance annually based on a residential home cost-of-construction index. Per 38 CFR 36.4411(a), the Secretary uses the Turner Building Cost Index for this purpose. Such increase will be equal to the percentage by which the Turner Building Cost Index for the most recent calendar year exceeds that of the next preceding calendar year. If, however, the Turner Building Cost Index for the most recent full calendar year is equal to or less than the next preceding calendar year, the percentage increase will be zero. See 38 CFR 36.4411(b).

In the most recent quarter for which the Turner Building Cost Index is available, second quarter of 2021, the index showed an increase of .85 percent over the index value listed for second quarter of 2020. <http://www.turnerconstruction.com/cost-index> (last visited August 2, 2021). Pursuant to 38 CFR 36.4411(a), therefore, the aggregate

amounts of assistance for SAH grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2101(a) and 2101(b) will increase by .85 percent for FY 2022.

Sections 2102A(b)(2) and 2102B(b)(2) require the Secretary to apply the same percentage calculated pursuant to section 2102(e) to grants authorized pursuant to sections 2102A and 2102B. As such, the maximum amount of assistance available under these grants will also increase by .85 percent for FY 2022.

The increases are effective as of October 1, 2021. 38 U.S.C. 2102(e), 38 U.S.C. 2102A(b)(2) and 38 U.S.C. 2102B(b)(2).

SAH: Aggregate Amounts of Assistance Available During FY 2022

Section 2101(a) Grants and Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) Grants

Effective October 1, 2021, the aggregate amount of assistance available

for SAH grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2101(a) will be \$101,754 during FY 2022.

The maximum TRA grant made to an individual who satisfies the eligibility criteria under 38 U.S.C. 2101(a) and 2102A will be \$40,983 during FY 2022.

Section 2101(b) Grants and TRA Grants

Effective as of October 1, 2021, the aggregate amount of assistance available for SAH grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2101(b) will be \$20,387 during FY 2022.

The maximum TRA grant made to an individual who satisfies the eligibility criteria under 38 U.S.C. 2101(b) and 2102A will be \$7,318 during FY 2022.

Section 2102B Grants

Effective as of October 1, 2021, the amount of assistance available for grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2102B will be \$93,356 during FY 2022; however,

the Secretary may waive this limitation for a veteran if the Secretary determines a waiver is necessary for the rehabilitation program of the veteran.

Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on December 21, 2021, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Jeffrey M. Martin,

Assistant Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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