

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

**Primary Counties:**

Aiken, Allendale, Williamsburg.

**Contiguous Counties:**

South Carolina: Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Clarendon, Colleton, Edgefield, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Lexington, Marion, Orangeburg, Saluda.

Georgia: Burke, Richmond, Screven.

*The Interest Rates are:*

|   | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                      | 5.500   |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                   | 2.750   |
| Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                      | 8.000   |
| Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ..... | 4.000   |
| Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere .....      | 5.250   |
| Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....      | 4.000   |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11211 C and for economic injury is 11212 O.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are South Carolina, Georgia.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

April 3, 2008.

**Steven C. Preston,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 6185]

**Fine Arts Committee Notice of Meeting**

The Fine Arts Committee of the Department of State will meet on April 25, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Henry Clay Room of the Harry S. Truman Building, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will last until approximately 11 a.m. and is open to the public.

The agenda for the committee meeting will include a summary of the work of the Fine Arts Office since its last

meeting on November 16, 2007 and the announcement of gifts and loans of furnishings as well as financial contributions from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Public access to the Department of State is strictly controlled and space is limited. Members of the public wishing to take part in the meeting should telephone the Fine Arts Office at (202) 647-1990 or send an e-mail to [Craighillmf@state.gov](mailto:Craighillmf@state.gov) by April 17 to make arrangements to enter the building. The public may take part in the discussion as long as time permits and at the discretion of the chairman.

Dated: April 4, 2008.

**Marcee F. Craighill,**

*Secretary, Fine Arts Committee, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**Buy America Waiver Notification System**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides a revised statement of policy concerning the FHWA's process for reviewing Buy America Waiver requests on Federal-aid highway construction projects. The FHWA has established a Web page to provide the public with an informal notice and comment opportunity for all Buy America waiver requests.

**DATES:** The policy became effective on December 26, 2007, when the President signed Public Law 110-161, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008" into law.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via e-mail at [gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov](mailto:gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, or via e-mail at [michael.harkins@dot.gov](mailto:michael.harkins@dot.gov). Office hours for the FHWA are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Access**

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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 the FHWA's implementation of an informal Buy America waiver notification and comment process as required by Public Law 110-161, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008." Division K, Section 130 of this law states:

Not less than 15 days prior to waiving, under her statutory authority, any Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highway projects, the Secretary of Transportation shall make an informal public notice and comment opportunity on the intent to issue such waiver and the reasons therefore: Provided, That the Secretary shall provide an annual report to the Appropriations Committees of the Congress on any waivers granted under the Buy America requirements.

The FHWA has established an internet Web page (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm>) to provide notification and the opportunity for public comment for every Buy America waiver. Interested parties are encouraged to subscribe to this notification system to receive notifications regarding current waiver requests. The FHWA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period before issuing a final decision on any waiver request.

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

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**James D. Ray,**

*Acting Federal Highway Administrator.*

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