

with interested parties to establish the strategic and creative framework for a national communications effort. The core objectives of this campaign are as follows:

- Increase awareness for America's Byways at the community, regional and national level among the general public and special interest groups.
- Build a greater understanding and appreciation for the America's Byways experience.
- Increase visitation and usage across the America's Byways Collection.
- Generate economic impact for the individual byway communities.

The Campaign is designed to combine the shared commitment of the FHWA and ABRC with the expertise and resources of a broader range of public and private partners to integrate resources, execute a more extensive communications effort, and enter more markets with greater exposure. As part of this partnership, private and public sector partners may have opportunities to position their brands and products with the America's Byways® brand in a joint marketing and communication environment. Such partners could include, but are not limited to, entities in the following areas: Automotive; hospitality/hotels/rental cars; food service; retail; and outdoor recreation.

Partner benefits may also include exposure through strategic partnerships that may reach a broader audience, while promoting protection and sustainability of the environment; and being seen as a leader in a national domestic tourism campaign.

The FHWA and ABRC are considering various options for this initiative, but consistent with the direction from Longwoods Travel USA® research, would look to start with national partners whose businesses especially link with the tourism categories of Touring/Special Events and Outdoor Adventure. See: <http://www.bywaysresourcecenter.org/resources/specialprojects/partnershipmarketing>. Longwoods Travel USA® concludes that these segments represent over 51 percent of trips by car, RV or motorcycle overnight travelers. The research also showed that the potential for new byway customers is great, with the number one item of importance in attracting new visitors is that more information and publicity is needed.

*Statements of Interest:* This notice seeks interest from parties, such as corporations, associations, nonprofit organizations, and public authorities, who can, together with FHWA and ABRC, promote America's Byways. Statements of interest should include a

basic business profile of the interested party, products offered, and a brief summary of current national communications and marketing scope. Based on responses to this notice and other information, the FHWA and the ABRC will work with selected interested parties to integrate their ideas into the national marketing strategy. The statements of interest will be used by FHWA and ABRC to evaluate which potential partners can assist us in attracting new visitors and gain more publicity consistent with our research. There is a level of uncertainty associated with planning against an unknown investment of funding and resources from potential partners. The FHWA and the ABRC are considering various options for this initiative, but would look to start with national partners whose businesses especially complement the America's Byways tourism categories of Touring/Special Events and Outdoor Adventure.

Upon receipt of a statement of interest, the ABRC, in cooperation with FHWA, will confirm receipt of the statements of interest. Those parties determined by the ABRC, in cooperation with FHWA, to have the greatest potential to assist us in attracting new visitors and gain more publicity for America's Byways will then be contacted to discuss further their level of interest, available resources, existing and future communications efforts, and to discuss next steps.

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**James D. Ray,**

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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 the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for certain steel products used in Federal-aid construction projects in Florida and Illinois.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is July 24, 2008.

**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.

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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 finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for two specific cases.

In accordance with Division K, section 130, of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008" (Pub. L. 110-161), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site on May 28, 2008, for motor brakes and machinery brakes for a Federal-aid project in Florida (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=11>). In addition, the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site on June 5, 2008, for guard bars, manganese castings, turnout braces, and weld kits associated with a Federal-aid railroad project in Illinois (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=12>). No comments were received in response to either of these notices; therefore, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers for these products and a Buy America waiver is appropriate as provided by 23 CFR 635.410(c)(1).

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the "SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008" (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat.1572), the 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 waiver. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the links above to the Florida and Illinois waiver pages 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

#### Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs; Fixed Payment for Moving Expenses; Residential Moves

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to publish changes in the Fixed Residential Moving Cost Schedule for the States and Territories of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Virgin Islands, Virginia, and Wyoming as provided for by section 4622(b) of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. The schedule amounts for the States and Territories not listed above remain unchanged. The Uniform Act applies to all programs or projects undertaken by Federal agencies or with Federal financial assistance that cause the displacement of any person.

**DATES:** The provisions of this notice are effective August 22, 2008, or on such earlier date as an agency elects to begin operating under this schedule.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn Winborne James, Office of Real Estate Services, (202) 493-0353, *Carolyn.James@dot.gov*; Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New

Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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##### Background

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4601-4655 (Uniform Act), established a program, which includes the payment of moving and related expenses, to assist persons who are displaced because of Federal or federally assisted projects. The FHWA is the lead agency for implementing the provisions of the Uniform Act and has issued governmentwide implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24.

The following 17 Federal departments and agencies have, by cross-reference, adopted the governmentwide regulations: Department of Agriculture; Department of Commerce; Department of Defense; Department of Education; Department of Energy; Department of Homeland Security; Environmental Protection Agency; Federal Emergency Management Agency; General Services Administration; Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Housing and Urban Development; Department of the Interior; Department of Justice; Department of Labor; Department of Veterans Affairs; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Tennessee Valley Authority.

Section 4622(b) of the Uniform Act provides that, as an alternative to being paid for actual residential moving and related expenses, a displaced individual or family may elect payment for moving expenses on the basis of a moving expense schedule established by the head of the lead agency. The governmentwide regulations at 49 CFR 24.302 provide that the FHWA will develop, approve, maintain, and update this schedule, as appropriate.

The purpose of this notice is to update the schedule published on May

16, 2005 (70 FR 25875). The schedule is being updated to reflect the increased costs associated with moving personal property and was developed from data provided by State highway agencies. This update increases the schedule amounts in the States and Territories of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Virgin Islands, Virginia, and Wyoming. The schedule amounts for the States and Territories not listed above remain unchanged. The payments listed in the table below apply on a State-by-State basis. Two exceptions and limitations apply to all States and Territories. Payment is limited to \$100.00 if either of the following conditions applies:

- (a) A person has minimal possessions and occupies a dormitory style room, or
- (b) A person's residential move is performed by an agency at no cost to the person.

The schedule continues to be based on the "number of rooms of furniture" owned by a displaced individual or family. In the interest of fairness and accuracy, and to encourage the use of the schedule (and thereby simplify the computation and payment of moving expenses), an agency should increase the room count for the purpose of applying the schedule if the amount of possessions in a single room or space actually constitutes more than the normal contents of one room of furniture or other personal property. For example, a basement may count as two rooms if the equivalent of two rooms worth of possessions is located in the basement. In addition, an agency may elect to pay for items stored outside the dwelling unit by adding the appropriate number of rooms.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4622(b) and 4633(b); 49 CFR 1.48 and 24.302.

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