

reasons why the NSLP eligibility percentage does not represent the economic need of the proposed project beneficiaries.

(ii) Up to 45 of the 55 possible points under this criterion are available to all applicants. Points are awarded based on the required narrative crafted by the applicant. Rural Development encourages applicants to carefully read the cited portions of the Program regulation and the FY 2009 application guide for full discussions of this criterion.

f. Level of innovation demonstrated by the project (up to 15 points).

g. System cost-effectiveness (up to 35 points).

C. Grant Review standards.

1. In addition to the scoring criteria that rank applications against each other, the Agency evaluates grant applications for possible awards on the following items, according to 7 CFR 1703.127:

a. Financial feasibility.

b. Technical considerations. If the application contains flaws that would prevent the successful implementation, operation or sustainability of a project, the Agency will not award a grant.

c. Other aspects of proposals that contain inadequacies that would undermine the ability of the project to comply with the policies of the DLT Program.

2. Applications which do not include all items that determine project eligibility and applicant eligibility by the application deadline will be returned as ineligible. Applications that do not include all items necessary for scoring will be scored as is. Please see the FY 2009 application guide for a full discussion of each required item and for samples and illustrations. The Agency will not solicit or consider eligibility or scoring information submitted after the application deadline.

3. The FY 2009 grant application guide specifies the format and order of all required items. Applications that are not assembled and tabbed in the order specified and incorrectly assembled applications will be returned as ineligible.

4. Most DLT grant projects contain numerous project sites. The Agency requires that site information be consistent throughout an application. Sites must be referred to by the same designation throughout all parts of an application. The Agency has provided a site worksheet that requests the necessary information, and can be used as a guide by applicants. Rural Development strongly recommends that applicants complete the site worksheet, listing all requested information for

each site. Applications without consistent site information will be returned as ineligible.

5. DLT grant applications which have non-fixed end-user sites, such as ambulance and home health care services, are now scored using a simplified scoring method that finds the relative rurality of the applicant's service area. See the FY 2009 application guide for specific guidance on this method of scoring. When an application contains non-fixed sites, it must be scored using the non-fixed site scoring method.

D. Selection Process.

1. Grants. Applications are ranked by final score, and by application purpose (education or medical). Rural Development selects applications based on those rankings, subject to the availability of funds. USDA Rural Development may allocate grant awards between medical and educational purposes, but is not required to do so. In addition, Rural Development has the authority to limit the number of applications selected in any one state, or for one project, during a fiscal year. See 7 CFR 1703.127.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices.

Rural Development generally notifies applicants whose projects are selected for awards by faxing an award letter. Rural Development follows the award letter with an agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. Rural Development recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. An applicant must execute and return the agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the agreement, within the number of days shown in the selection notice letter.

B. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements*: The items listed in Section IV of this notice, and the DLT Program regulation, FY 2009 application guide and accompanying materials implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

C. Reporting.

1. *Performance reporting*. All recipients of DLT financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to Rural Development until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project in meeting DLT Program objectives. See 7 CFR 1703.107.

2. *Financial reporting*. All recipients of DLT financial assistance must provide an annual audit, beginning with the first year a portion of the financial assistance is expended. Audits are governed by United States Department of Agriculture audit regulations. Please see 7 CFR 1703.108.

3. *Record Keeping and Accounting*. The grant contract will contain provisions relating to record keeping and accounting requirements.

VII. Agency Contacts

A. *Web site*: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>. The DLT Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for DLT programs.

B. *Phone*: 202-720-0413.

C. *Fax*: 202-720-1051.

D. *E-mail*: dltinfo@usda.gov.

E. *Main point of contact*: Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, USDA Rural Development.

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Curtis M. Anderson,

Deputy Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Appointments to Performance Review Board for Senior Executive Service

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Appointment of Performance Review Board for Senior Executive Service.

SUMMARY: The Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee) has announced the following appointments to the Committee Performance Review Board.

The following individuals are appointed as members of the Committee Performance Review Board responsible for making recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities on performance appraisal ratings and performance awards for Senior Executive Service employees:

Perry E. Anthony, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

James E. House, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Agriculture.

Paul M. Laird, Assistant Director, Industries, Education and Vocational

Training and Chief Operating Officer/ FPI, Department of Justice.

All appointments are made pursuant to Section 4314 of Chapter 43 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 24, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly M. Zeich, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail CMTEFedReg@abilityone.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 71-2008)

Foreign-Trade Zone 65 -- Panama City, Florida, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Panama City Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 65, requesting authority to expand its existing zone to include additional sites within and adjacent to the Panama City, Florida Customs and Border Protection port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on December 16, 2008.

FTZ 65 was approved by the Board on January 16, 1981 (Board Order 171, 46 FR 8072, 1/26/81) and expanded on March 3, 1987 (Board Order 343, 52 FR 7634, 3/12/87).

The general-purpose zone project currently consists of three sites (558 acres) in the Panama City area: *Site 1* (125 acres) -- the Panama City Industrial Park located on St. Andrew Bay and the intra-coastal waterway in Panama City; *Site 2* (174 acres) -- the Hugh Nelson Industrial Park located off of Highway 390 in Panama City; and, *Site 3* (259 acres) -- the Bay Industrial Park located northeast of the intersection of Highway 231 and Highway 167 in Bay County.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include two additional sites as follows: *Proposed Site 4* (78 acres) -- within the 130-acre Tommy R. McDonald Industrial Park, located at Industrial Drive and Commerce Avenue in Chipley (Washington County); and, *Proposed Site 5* (214 acres) the Washington County Industrial park, located north of Highway 90 at the

intersection of Highway 273 and North Boulevard in Chipley (Washington County). The applicant is also requesting authority to expand existing *Site 3* to include the adjacent Bay Intermodal Park (251 acres), located at Highway 231 and Commerce Boulevard in Panama City. Proposed *Site 4* is owned by the City of Chipley as well as various private companies, proposed *Site 5* is owned by Washington County and the City of Chipley, and the acreage to be included in the proposed expansion of *Site 3* is owned by the applicant. The sites will be used primarily for warehousing and distribution activities. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed below. The closing period for their receipt is February 23, 2009. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to March 9, 2009.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: The Panama City Port Authority, 5321 West Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at christopher_kemp@ita.doc.gov or (202) 482-0862.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Docket 72-2008

Foreign-Trade Zone 26 Atlanta, GA, Request for Manufacturing Authority, Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. (Motor Vehicles)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 26, pursuant to Section 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. (KMMG), to produce light-duty passenger vehicles under FTZ procedures within FTZ 26. It was formally filed on December 16, 2008.

The KMMG plant (635 acres/2.4 million sq.ft.) is to be located at 7777 Kia Parkway in West Point (Troup County), Georgia (FTZ 26, Site T2). The facility, currently under construction, will be used to produce sedans, sport utility vehicles, and minivans for export and the domestic market. At full capacity, the facility (about 2,500 employees) will manufacture up to approximately 300,000 vehicles annually. Components to be purchased from abroad (representing up to 30% of total material inputs, by value) would include: oils, hydraulic fluids, pipe/tube of plastics, paint, plastic knobs, flexible rubber tubes/hoses, self-adhesive plastic or polyurethane sheets/foil/film, labels, tape, rubber belts, tires, gaskets, seals, floor mats, carpet sets, safety glass, mirrors, pipe fittings, stranded wire of steel and copper, pins, hangers, brake cables, body parts, trim parts, articles of base metals, doors, fasteners, cotter pins, helical springs, catalytic converters, locks and keys, spark-ignition and diesel engines, engine parts, pumps, compressors, air conditioner components, filters, valves, parts of steering systems, steering wheels, hubs and flanges, universal joints, clutches, half/drive shafts, transmissions and parts of transmissions, torque converters, differentials, bearings and parts thereof, compasses, thermostats, motors, batteries, ignition parts, electrical parts, lighting equipment, horns, windshield wipers, audio/video components, speakers, antennas, wiring harnesses, seats, seat belts, airbag modules/inflators, brake components, wheels, wheel locks, lug nuts, lug wrenches, suspension components, radiators, flat-rolled steel mill products (steel mill products subject to AD/CVD orders will be admitted in domestic (duty-paid)