

maintains the Center and establishes and collects fees for the testing of the vehicles at the facility. Upon completion of the testing of the vehicles at the Center, a test report is provided to the manufacturer of the new bus model. The bus manufacturer certifies to an FTA grantee that the bus the grantee is purchasing has been tested at the Center. Also, grantees that are planning to purchase a bus use this report to assist them in making their purchasing decisions. LTI maintains a reference file for all the test reports which are made available to the public.

Respondents: Bus Manufacturers.

Estimated Annual Burden on

Respondents: 30 testing determinations at 3 hours each; 18 tests at 3 hours each and 520 requirements at 0.5 hours each.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 404 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects.

Background: 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants or contracts for research, development, demonstration and deployment projects and evaluation of technology of national significance to public transportation that the Secretary determines will improve mass transportation service or help transportation service meet the total urban transportation needs at a minimum cost. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Secretary is also authorized to request and receive appropriate information from any source. As an example, FTA's United We Ride Program is funded under the Transit Research Program. Research for the United We Ride Program is being conducted to gather information on how the objectives of Executive Order 13330 on Human Services Transportation Coordination are being achieved.

The information collected is submitted as part of the application for grants and cooperative agreements and is used to determine eligibility of applicants. Collection of this information also provides documentation that the applicants and recipients are meeting program objectives and are complying with FTA Circular 6100.1B and other federal requirements.

Respondents: FTA grant recipients.

Estimated Annual Burden on

Respondents: 56.2 hours for each of the 200 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:

11,240 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

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Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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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 the use of a foreign Three-Ton Chain Hoist in the Federal-aid construction project for the Hood Canal Bridge BR-0104 (25) retrofit and replacement in Washington.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is June 2, 2009.

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. 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. 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 of such requirements 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 the Three-Ton

Chain Hoist for the Hood Canal Bridge retrofit and replacement in Washington.

In accordance with Division I, section 126 of the "Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009" (Pub. L. 111-8), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for the Three-Ton Chain Hoist (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=32>) on April 16. The FHWA received no comments in response to this notice, which suggested that the Three-Ton Chain Hoist may not be available domestically. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted an additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers for the Three-Ton Chain Hoist. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers for the Three-Ton Chain Hoist. Thus, the FHWA concludes that 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 finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the Washington waiver page noted above.

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

Issued on: May 15, 2009.

King W. Gee,

Associate Administrator for Infrastructure.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Special Permits Applications

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), PHMSA is publishing the following list of special permit applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected

completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delmer F. Billings, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reason for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of special permit applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

- N—New application
M—Modification request
PM—Party to application with modification request

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 26, 2009.

Delmer F. Billings,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
MODIFICATION TO SPECIAL PERMITS			
14167-M	Trinityrail, Dallas, TX	4	06-30-2009
8723-M	Alaska Pacific Powder Company, Anchorage, AK	1	06-30-2009
14562-M	The Lite Cylinger Company, Franklin, TN	1	06-30-2009
NEW SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS			
14689-N	Trinity Industries, Inc., Dallas, TX	2, 3	06-30-2009
14733-N	GTM Technologies, Inc., San Francisco, CA	1,3	06-30-2009

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Polk County, IA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT, Polk County.

SUMMARY: The FHWA and Iowa DOT are issuing this notice to advise the public a tiered EIS will be prepared for a proposed roadway project in Polk County, Iowa. This is a change from a standard EIS to a tiered EIS. The Notice of Intent for the original EIS was published on July 21, 2005. The planned tiered EIS will evaluate potential transportation improvement alternatives for serving northeast Des Moines and its neighboring communities between I-80/US65 west of Altoona to US69/NE 126 Avenue north of Ankeny.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael La Pietra, Environment and Realty Manager, FHWA Iowa Division Office, 105 Sixth Street, Ames, IA 50010, Phone 515-233-7302; or James P. Rost, Director, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, Phone 515-239-1798.

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For Internet access a user needs Internet connectivity. Users can telnet or FTP to: fedbbs.access.gpo.gov. Users can access the FBB via the World Wide Web at <http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov>.

User assistance for the FBB is available from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) by calling the GPO Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services at 202-512-1530, toll-free at 888-293-6498; sending an e-mail to gpoaccess@gpo.gov; or sending a fax to 202-512-1262.

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Background

The FHWA, in coordination with the Iowa Department of Transportation and Polk County will prepare a Tiered EIS for the proposed Northeast Beltway study. The proposed project would

include roadway improvements to provide a high-speed connection from I-80 near Altoona to U.S. 69 north of Ankeny.

The purpose of the Northeast Polk County Beltway is to prepare for increased travel demand in and around Ankeny and its neighboring communities. Traffic congestion on I-35 between Des Moines and Ankeny would be alleviated, and traffic would be reduced on the Northeast systems interchange (35/80/235).

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) widening existing roadways; and (3) constructing a roadway in a new location. The build alternative will include consideration of various alignments and grades.

The Northeast Beltway will be reclassified from an EIS to a tiered EIS. A tiered EIS is more appropriate for the Northeast Beltway project due to funding constraints and construction scheduling. Decisions made in the first tier document will include build or no build, project corridor, and logical termini for project segmentation. A specific alignment within the corridor would be identified in the Tier Two documents.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held in 2009 and 2010. In addition, a public hearing will be