

Scoring criteria	Points
11. Project duration	Up to 5.
12. Sustainability	Up to 10.
13. Prior Grant Years Funded	Up to 15.
14. Administrative Discretion	Up to 15.

XIII. Award Administration Information

A. RUS will rank all qualifying applications by their final score. Applications will be selected for funding, based on the highest scores and the availability of funding for the Technical Assistance and Training grants.

B. In making our decision about your application, RUS may determine that your application is:

1. Eligible and selected for funding;
2. Eligible but offered fewer funds than requested;
3. Eligible but not selected for funding; or
4. Ineligible for the grant.

C. In accordance with 7 CFR part 1900, subpart B, you generally have the right to appeal adverse decisions. Some adverse decisions cannot be appealed. For example, if you are denied RUS funding due to a lack of funds available for the grant program, this decision cannot be appealed. However, you may make a request to the National Appeals Division (NAD) to review the accuracy of our finding that the decision cannot be appealed. The appeal must be in writing and filed at the appropriate Regional Office, which can be found at <http://www.nad.usda.gov/offices.htm> or by calling (703) 305-1166.

D. Applicants selected for funding will complete a grant agreement, which outlines the terms and conditions of the grant award.

E. Grantees will be reimbursed as follows:

1. SF-270, "Request for Advance or Reimbursement," will be completed by the grantee and submitted to either the State or National Office not more frequently than monthly.
2. Upon receipt of a properly completed SF-270, payment will ordinarily be made within 30 days.

F. Any change in the scope of the project, budget adjustments of more than 10 percent of the total budget, or any other significant change in the project must be reported to and approved by the approval official by written amendment to RUS Guide 1775-1 (Grant Agreement). Any change not approved may be cause for termination of the grant.

G. Project Reporting

1. Grantees shall constantly monitor performance to ensure that time schedules are being met, projected work by time periods is being accomplished, and other performance objectives are being achieved.

2. SF-269, "Financial Status Report (short form)," and a project performance activity report will be required of all grantees on a quarterly basis, due 30 days after the end of each quarter.

3. A final project performance report will be required with the last SF-269 due 90 days after the end of the last quarter in which the project is completed. The final report may serve as the last quarterly report.

4. All multi-State grantees are to submit an original of each report to the National Office. Grantees serving only one State are to submit an original of each report to the State Office. The project performance reports should detail, preferably in a narrative format, activities that have transpired for the specific time period.

H. The grantee will provide an audit report or financial statements as follows:

1. Grantees expending \$500,000 or more Federal funds per fiscal year will submit an audit conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The audit will be submitted within 9 months after the grantee's fiscal year. Additional audits may be required if the project period covers more than one fiscal year.
2. Grantees expending less than \$500,000 will provide annual financial statements covering the grant period, consisting of the Grantee's statement of income and expense and balance sheet signed by an appropriate official of the Grantee. Financial statements will be submitted within 90 days after the grantee's fiscal year.

XIV. Agency Contacts

A. *Web site:* <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water>. The RUS' Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for Technical Assistance and Training Grants program.

B. *Phone:* 202-720-9583.

C. *Fax:* 202-690-0649.

D. *E-mail:* anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov.

E. *Main point of contact:* Anita O'Brien, Loan Specialist, Water and Environmental Programs, Water

Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: October 19, 2009.

Jonathan Adelstein,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of closed portions of meeting.

SUMMARY: On November 12, 2009 (74 FR 58241) the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced a business meeting to be held on Friday, November 20, 2009 at the Commission's headquarters. On Friday, November 20, 2009 the Commission's General Counsel, David Blackwood, certified that portions of the meeting were appropriate to be closed pursuant to exemptions 2, 6, 9, and 10 of 45 CFR 702.53. A majority of the Commissioners present voted to close portions of the meeting pursuant to this certification. The Presiding Officer, Chairman Gerald Reynolds, issued a statement setting forth the time and location of the closed meeting and the persons present in closed session. A complete verbatim transcript and/or electronic recording of the closed proceedings will be maintained by the Commission.

The decision to close portions of the meeting was too close in time to the day of the meeting for the publication of a revised notice to appear in advance of the scheduled meeting date. The details of the meeting, including the portions which were closed to the public, are:

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 20, 2009; 9:30 a.m. EST.

PLACE: 624 9th St., NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public, except where noted otherwise.

I. Approval of Agenda.

II. Program Planning.

- Motion Regarding Special Assistant GS Level. [Discussion of this agenda item was held in closed session.]

- Update on Status of Title IX Project. [Discussion of this agenda item was held in closed session.]
 - Update on Status of 2010 Enforcement Report. [Discussion of this agenda item was held in closed session.]
 - National Conference Update.
 - Approval of Concept Papers for FY 2010 Briefing Topics.
 - Amendments to Title IX Briefing Report.
 - Approval of MEPA Briefing Report.
- III. State Advisory Committee Issues.
- Iowa SAC.
 - Massachusetts SAC.
- IV. Management & Operations.
- Motion To Permit Commissioners' Special Assistants To Join Commissioners' Line for Telephonic Meetings.
- V. Approval of September 24, October 8, October 15 and October 30 Meeting Minutes.
- VI. Staff Director's Report.
- VII. Adjourn.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8591. *TDD:* (202) 376-8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. *TDD:* (202) 376-8116.

Dated: December 8, 2009.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 55-2009]

Foreign-Trade Zone 74—Baltimore, MD: Application for Subzone Michelin North America, Inc. (Tire Distribution and Wheel Assembly); Elkton, MD

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Baltimore, grantee of FTZ 74, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the distribution facility of Michelin North America, Inc. (MNA), located in Elkton, Maryland. 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 3, 2009.

MNA's facility (130 employees, approximately 71 acres/756,600

enclosed square feet) is located at 515 Fletchwood Road, Elkton, Maryland. The facility is primarily used for the storage and distribution of tires and tire accessories (duty rates range from duty-free to 4.0%); however, the applicant is also requesting manufacturing authority to perform wheel assembly at the proposed subzone.

On its distribution activity, FTZ procedures could exempt MNA from customs duty payments on the foreign products that are exported (3 to 7% of shipments). On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the facility and entered for consumption. Certain tires from China are temporarily subject to additional duties imposed in a Section 421 safeguard case; such tires will be admitted to the proposed subzone under privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) or domestic (duty paid) status (19 CFR 146.43).

As noted above, the applicant is also requesting to perform wheel assembly (up to 100,000 units annually) using domestic and foreign components on behalf of auto manufacturer clients. Foreign-sourced components include tires (HTSUS 4011.10, 4011.20, 4011.61, 4011.62, 4011.63, 4011.92, 4011.93, 4011.94, 4011.99, duty-free to 4.0%), wheel rims (HTSUS 8708.70, duty-free to 2.5%), flaps (HTSUS 4012.90, duty-free to 4.2%), valves (HTSUS 8481.80, 2% to 5.6%), tubes (HTSUS 4013.10, 3.7%), gaskets (HTSUS 4016.93, 2.5%), sensors (HTSUS 8525.10, duty-free), and nuts (HTSUS 7318.16, duty-free).

FTZ procedures could exempt MNA from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export to non-NAFTA countries. On shipments for U.S. consumption and to NAFTA markets, MNA could elect the wheel assembly duty rate (generally dutiable as an auto part—2.5%) for the foreign components (mostly tires, dutiable at 4%) listed above. The auto part duty rate (2.5%) would apply if the wheel assemblies are shipped via zone-to-zone transfer to U.S. motor vehicle assembly plants with subzone status.

FTZ designation would further allow Michelin to realize logistical benefits through the use of certain customs procedures and duty savings on scrap and waste. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Diane Finver of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case

record and to report findings and recommendations 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 below. The closing period for their receipt is February 8, 2010. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 23, 2010.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane.Finver@trade.gov or (202) 482-1367.

Dated: December 3, 2009.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-489-807]

Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Turkey: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Results of Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On June 15, 2009, and November 23, 2009, the United States Court of International Trade (CIT) sustained the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) results of redetermination pursuant to the CIT's remand orders in *Habas Sinai ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi A.S. v. United States*, Court No. 05-00613, Slip Op. 09-55 (June 15, 2009) and *Habas Sinai ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi A.S. v. United States*, Court No. 05-00613, Slip Op. 09-133 (Nov. 23, 2009). See Results of Redetermination Pursuant to Remand, dated March 3, 2008, and Results of Redetermination Pursuant to Remand, dated September 8, 2009 (found at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/remands>). Consistent with the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) in *Timken Co. v. United States*, 893 F.2d 337 (Fed. Cir.