

Dated: December 6, 2012.

Luis CdeBaca,

Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8112]

Culturally Significant Object Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Connecting Collections: Collecting Connections. 50 Years of Pre-Columbian Art at Dumbarton Oaks”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the object to be included in the exhibition “Connecting Collections: Collecting Connections. 50 Years of Pre-Columbian Art at Dumbarton Oaks,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, is of cultural significance. The object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC, from on or about December 18, 2012, until on or about January 4, 2014, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a description of the exhibit object, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6469). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: November 30, 2012.

J. Adam Ereli,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8113]

Foreign Affairs Policy Board Meeting Notice; Closed Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the Department of State announces a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Policy Board to take place on January 3, 2013, at the Department of State, Washington, DC.

The Foreign Affairs Policy Board reviews and assesses: (1) Global threats and opportunities; (2) trends that implicate core national security interests; (3) tools and capacities of the civilian foreign affairs agencies; and (4) priorities and strategic frameworks for U.S. foreign policy. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App § 10(d), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), it has been determined that this meeting will be closed to the public as the Board will be reviewing and discussing matters properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526.

For more information, contact Samantha Raddatz at (202) 647-2372.

Dated: December 4, 2012.

Marisa McAuliffe,

Designated Federal Officer.

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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 public interest Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of American and Canadian steel and iron products in the construction of the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) project.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is December 13, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via email at gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, or via email at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours

for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

The NITC project is a new border crossing proposed by the State of Michigan and the Government of Canada over the Detroit River linking Detroit, Michigan, to Windsor, Ontario. The State of Michigan and Canada signed a Crossing Agreement on June 15, 2012, authorizing the construction of the NITC. This Crossing Agreement provides a framework for a Crossing Authority established by Canada to design, construct, finance, operate, and maintain a new International Crossing between Canada and Michigan, under the oversight of a jointly established International Authority, and through one or more Public-Private Agreements with one or more private sector Concessionaires.

The Michigan components of the project that are not funded by the private sector Concessionaire(s) or by the US Federal government will be financed entirely with funds advanced by Canada (the “Canadian Contributions”). These components include the interchange linking the bridge to I-75, the Michigan approach, and the Michigan plaza (collectively, the “Michigan Components”). A record of decision (ROD) was signed by the FHWA for the NITC project on January 14, 2009, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), after extensive consideration of various alternatives, including the no build alternative, that were identified in the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

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. Here, the Governor of Michigan requests a waiver from Buy America on the basis that a