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 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  
 R—Renewal Request

P—Party To Exemption Request  
 Issued in Washington, DC, on March 10, 2016.  
**Donald Burger,**  
*Chief, General Approvals and Permits.*

**MODIFICATION TO SPECIAL PERMITS**

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
16412-M .....	Nantong CMC Tank Equipment Co. Ltd. Jiangsu, Province .....	4	03-31-2016
15628-M .....	Chemours Company FC, LLC Wilmington, DE .....	4	03-31-2016
15610-M .....	TechKnowServ Corp. State College, PA .....	4	03-31-2016
15537-M .....	Alaska Pacific Powder Company Watkins, CO .....	4	04-15-2016
7607-M .....	Thermo Fisher Scientific Franklin, MA .....	4	03-31-2016
16035-M .....	LCF Systems, Inc. Scottsdale, AZ .....	4	04-30-2016
14437-M .....	Columbiana Boiler Company (CBCo), LLColumbiana, OH .....	4	02-15-2016

**NEW SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
15767-N .....	Union Pacific Railroad Company Omaha, NE .....	3	02-29-2016
16001-N .....	VELTEK ASSOCIATES, INC. Malvern, PA .....	3	03-31-2016
16477-N .....	Hydroid, Inc. Pocasset, MA .....	4	03-15-2016
16495-N .....	TransRail Innovation, Inc. Calgary .....	4	03-31-2016
16524-N .....	Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide, Inc. Lake Forest, CA .....	4	03-15-2016
16463-N .....	Salco Products Lemont, IL .....	3	03-31-2016
16571-N .....	Chevron USA Inc. San Ramon, CA .....	4	04-15-2016
16559-N .....	HTEC Hydrogen Technology & Energy Corporation North Vancouver, BC; Canada .....	4	04-30-2016
16560-N .....	LightSail Energy, Inc. Berkeley, CA .....	4	04-30-2016

**PARTY TO SPECIAL PERMITS APPLICATION**

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
16279-P .....	AEG Environmental Products & Services, Inc.; Westminster, MD .....	4	03-31-2016

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Contracting Initiative**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DOT has extended the contracting initiative pilot program for a period of 1 year until March 6, 2017.

**DATES:** This pilot program became effective on March 6, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information: Mr. Michael Harkins, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for General Law, Office, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington,

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**Background**

On March 6, 2015, DOT published a notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 12257) establishing a contracting initiative pilot program under which, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recipients and subrecipients could utilize various contracting requirements that generally have been disallowed due to concerns about adverse impacts on competition. The purpose of the pilot program is to

determine whether the use of such requirements “unduly limit competition,” as provided in an August 23, 2013, opinion from the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel (OLC). DOT established the pilot program for a period of 1 year unless extended. DOT has decided to extend this pilot program for a period of 1 additional year until March 6, 2017. The extension of this pilot program will provide FHWA and FTA recipients and subrecipients flexibility to continue operating under the pilot program while DOT conducts its evaluation as well as provide DOT with additional projects to consider in evaluating the impacts on competition. The Department extended the pilot program on March 4, 2016. A notice of extension was posted on the Department’s Web site at <https://www.transportation.gov/regulations/whats-new>.

Please note that Section 415 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016,

Public Law 114–113 (FY 2016 Appropriations Act), continues the restriction on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) from using FY 2016 funds to implement, administer or enforce 49 CFR 18.36(c)(2) for construction hiring. Accordingly, FTA recipients and subrecipients do not need to submit applications for participation in the pilot program for contracts awarded or advertised on or before September 30, 2016.

Additionally, we note that Section 192 of the FY 2016 Appropriations Act expressly authorizes DOT-assisted contracts under titles 49 and 23 of the United States Code utilizing geographic, economic, or other hiring preferences not otherwise authorized by law if the grant recipient certifies the following:

(1) That except with respect to apprentices or trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the work that the contract requires resides in the jurisdiction;

(2) That the grant recipient will include appropriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that the contractor does not displace any of its existing employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference; and

(3) That any increase in the cost of labor, training, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring preference does not delay or displace any transportation project in the applicable Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Improvement Program.

Accordingly, recipients and subrecipients should follow the application process described in the March 6, 2015, **Federal Register** notice (80 FR 12257) except that recipients and subrecipients must also include the required certifications from Section 192 of the FY 2016 Appropriations Act as discussed above.

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**Anthony R. Foxx,**

*Secretary of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting—Correction (81 FR 10370)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal

Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee will be held on April 19–20, 2016, in Conference Room 730 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The Notice of Meeting appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 29, 2016 (81 FR 10370) on page 10370. The Notice of Meeting should have read: On April 19, the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. On April 20, the session will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at noon. This meeting is open to the public.

Interested parties should contact Mrs. Marcia Holt-Delaney, Program Analyst, Geriatrics and Extended Care Services (10P4G), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or via email at [Marcia.Holt-Delaney@va.gov](mailto:Marcia.Holt-Delaney@va.gov). Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Holt-Delaney at (202) 461–6769.

Dated: March 14, 2016.

**Jelessa Burney,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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