

the State Department is circulating this application to relevant federal agencies for review and comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account views from these agencies and other stakeholders, whether issuing an Amended Presidential Permit to TXDOT to construct a second bridge structure for southbound traffic would serve the national interest. That determination process involves consideration of many factors, including foreign policy; environmental, cultural, and economic impacts; compliance with applicable law and regulations; and other issues.

Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this application. The public comment period will end 30 days from the publication of this notice. Comments are not private. They will be posted on the site <http://www.regulations.gov>. The comments will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and the State Department cautions against including any information that one does not want publicly disclosed. The State Department requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the State Department inform those persons that the State Department will not edit their comments to remove identifying or contact information, and that they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted no later than October 27, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** For reasons of efficiency, the State Department encourages the electronic submission of comments through the federal government's eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>), enter Docket No. DOS-2016-0063, and follow the prompts to submit a comment. The State Department also will accept comments submitted in hard copy by mail and postmarked no later than October 27, 2016. Please note that standard mail delivery to the State Department can be delayed due to security screening. To submit comments by mail, use the following address: Office of Mexican Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Room 3924, Department of State, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Mexican Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, via email at [WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov](mailto:WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov); by phone at 202-647-9894; or by mail at Office of Mexican Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Room 3924, Department of State, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520.

Dated: September 21, 2016.

**Colleen A. Hoey,**

*Director, Office of Mexican Affairs,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No.: 403]

### Delegation by the Secretary of State to the Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs U.S. Participation in "Astana Expo 2017"

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a); the transfer provisions of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, codified in 22 U.S.C. 6532; and pursuant to Executive Order 12048, as amended, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, the authority of the President under Section 102(a)(3) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-286, to provide for U.S. participation in "Astana Expo 2017."

Any act, executive order, regulation, or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation, or procedure as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs may at any time exercise any authority or function delegated by this delegation of authority.

This delegation of authority does not rescind, supersede, or in any way affect the validity of any other delegation of authority. This includes Delegation of

Authority 234, dated October 1, 1999, which remains in effect.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 29, 2016.

**John F. Kerry,**

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