

owned by the Boston and Maine Corporation (B&M) and leased and operated by Springfield Terminal Railway Company (ST). That line generally extends between PAS's existing connection to B&M/ST's tracks at Engineering Station 215+89 at CPF 312 outside Ayer, Mass., and Engineering Station 225+00 outside Ayer, for a total distance of approximately 1,000 feet (the Line).

PAS was authorized to acquire these trackage rights over the Line by notice of exemption served and published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2023 (88 FR 66928).¹ The purpose of the trackage rights is to provide the necessary head and tail room to reposition locomotives while PAS procures and installs a "cross-over" to address a lack of space on the Line. Currently, the rights are scheduled to expire on December 5, 2023.

Under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8), the parties may, prior to the expiration of the temporary trackage rights, file a request for a renewal of the temporary rights for an additional period of up to one year, including the reasons for the extension. PAS states that the cross-over is not expected to be delivered as early as the parties anticipated and, therefore, the parties wish to extend the temporary overhead trackage rights until February 5, 2024. PAS filed a copy of an executed amendment to the temporary trackage rights agreement with its request for an extension.

In accordance with 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8), PAS's temporary trackage rights over the Line will be extended and will expire on February 5, 2024. The employee protective conditions imposed in the September 28, 2023, notice remain in effect. Notice of the extension will be published in the **Federal Register**.

It is ordered:

1. PAS's temporary trackage rights are extended and will expire on February 5, 2024.

2. Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

Decided: December 5, 2023.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Regena Smith-Bernard,

Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Procurement Thresholds for Implementation of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Trade Representative has determined the U.S. dollar procurement thresholds to implement certain U.S. trade agreement obligations, as of January 1, 2024, for calendar years 2024 and 2025.

DATES: This notice is applicable on January 1, 2024, for calendar years 2024 and 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Psillos, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for WTO and Multilateral Affairs, at (202) 395-9581 or *Kathryn.W.Psillos@ustr.eop.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12260 requires the U.S. Trade Representative to set the U.S. dollar thresholds for application of Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511 *et seq.*). These obligations apply to covered procurements valued at or above specified U.S. dollar thresholds. In conformity with the provisions of Executive Order 12260, and in order to carry out U.S. trade agreement obligations, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined the U.S. dollar procurement thresholds, effective on January 1, 2024, for calendar years 2024 and 2025 as follows:

I. World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Government Procurement

A. Central Government Entities listed in U.S. Annex 1:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$174,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in U.S. Annex 2:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. Other Entities listed in U.S. Annex 3:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$537,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

II. Chapter 15 of the United States- Australia Free Trade Agreement

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15-A, Section 1:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$102,280; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15-A, Section 2:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15-A, Section 3:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List A Entities—\$511,402;
- (2) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and
- (3) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

III. Chapter 9 of the United States- Bahrain Free Trade Agreement

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9-A-1:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$174,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$13,296,489.

B. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9-A-2:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List B entities—\$537,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$16,365,673.

IV. Chapter 9 of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$102,280; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List A Entities—\$511,402;
- (2) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and
- (3) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

V. Chapter 9 of the United States- Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$102,280; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

¹ On September 28, 2023, the Board granted PAS' petition to waive the requirement under 49 CFR 1180.4(g) that a verified notice be filed at least 30 days before the transaction is consummated and allowed the exemption to take effect immediately.

B. *Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. *Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

VI. Chapter 9 of the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement

A. *Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1.2(b)(i), Section A:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$102,280; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. *Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1.2(b)(i), Section B:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. *Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1.2(b)(i), Section C:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

VII. Chapter 17 of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement

A. *Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 17-A, Section A:*

(1) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

VIII. Chapter 13 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)*

Procurement obligations are between the U.S. and Mexico only.

A. *Federal Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 1001.1a-1:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$102,280; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$13,296,489.

B. *Government Enterprises listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 1001.1a-2:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$511,402; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$16,365,674.

IX. Chapter 9 of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement

A. *Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9-A-1:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$174,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. *Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9-A-2:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. *Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9-A-3:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

X. Chapter 9 of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement

A. *Central Level Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9, Section A:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$174,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$13,296,489.

B. *Other Covered Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9, Section B:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$16,365,673.

XI. Chapter 9 of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement

A. *Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$174,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. *Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. *Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

D. *Autoridad del Canal de Panamá*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$537,000.

XII. Chapter 9 of the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement

A. *Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$174,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. *Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. *Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$537,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

XIII. Chapter 13 of the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

A. *Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section A:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$102,280; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

B. *Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section B:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$476,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

C. *Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section C:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$537,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$6,708,000.

Andrea Durkin,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2023-1739]

Policy on the Definition of Aeronautical Activities

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed policy; request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 15, 2023, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a Request for comments seeking input on its proposed policy update of the FAA's Office of Airports policy regarding the definition of "aeronautical activity" to include unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), advanced air mobility (AAM), and commercial space launch or re-entry vehicle operations. Under Federal law, an airport operator that has accepted