

certain other U.S. criminal statutes enumerated at section 38(g)(1)(A) of the AECA. A person convicted of violating the AECA is also subject to statutory debarment under section 127.7 of the ITAR.

In July 1999, ROTHCO was convicted of violating the AECA and the ITAR (U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 3:04CR 149-JBA). Based on this conviction, ROTHCO was statutorily debarred pursuant to section 127.7 of the ITAR and, thus, prohibited from participating directly or indirectly in exports of defense articles and defense services. Notice of debarment was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 10033, March 5, 2002).

In accordance with section 38(g)(4) of the AECA, statutory debarment may be terminated after consultation with the other appropriate U.S. agencies and after a thorough review of the circumstances surrounding the conviction and a finding that appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate any law enforcement concerns. The Department of State, after consultation with other agencies, has determined that ROTHCO has taken appropriate steps to address the causes of the violations and to mitigate any law enforcement concerns. Therefore, the debarment against ROTHCO is rescinded, effective November 20, 2007.

Dated: November 20, 2007.

**Stephen D. Mull,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### **Environmental Impact Statement: Christian, Shelby, Fayette, Marion, Clinton, Jefferson and Washington Counties, IL**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Christian, Shelby, Fayette, Marion, Clinton, Jefferson, and Washington Counties, Illinois.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Norman R. Stoner, P.E., Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703,

Phone: (217) 492-4600. Christine Reed, P.E., Deputy Director of Highways, Region 4 Engineer, District 7, Illinois Department of Transportation, 400 W. Wabash, Effingham, Illinois 62401, Phone: (217) 342-8201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve US Route 51 located in the Illinois counties of Christian, Shelby, Fayette, Marion, Clinton, Jefferson, and Washington. The proposed improvement would involve the expansion of the existing 70-mile roadway facility between CR 900 N (South of Pana) to CR 2150 N (East of Irvington).

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary due to increases in traffic volumes, operational issues, and State economic initiatives. Alternatives that may be considered include (1) taking no action; (2) combining the existing two-lane highway with widening to four lanes on existing and/or new location; and (3) constructing a four-lane highway on new location.

Improvements to US 51 have the potential to affect agricultural, biological, historical, and natural resources within the corridor. The corridor contains moderately prime farmland in rural areas. A nature preserve exists along the abandoned railroad right-of-way north of Ramsey and the palustrine wetlands of the Kaskaskia River basin area may be habitat for plant and animal species listed by State and Federal endangered and threatened wildlife and plants programs. The Kaskaskia drainage basin has potential to contain prehistoric archaeological sites. Historical resources located along US 51 include the Vandalia Statehouse and the First Presbyterian church in Vandalia. Hazardous waste sites exist within the corridor, including the Sandoval zinc smelter site and several tank farms east of US 51 near Patoka. In the urban limits of the corridor, residential areas adjacent to US 51 may be affected.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. A public scoping meeting is planned for January 2008 and agency scoping meeting is planned for February 2008. Due to the length of the corridor, public meetings will be held in each region; north, central, and south. The first public meetings will take place in January 2008. Illinois' Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process will be used for public involvement. The project Web

site is [www.US51-IDOT.com](http://www.US51-IDOT.com). In addition to the public meetings, a public hearing and comment period will be held following the release of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the public meetings and hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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**Norman R. Stoner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2007-0069]

#### **Electronic Signatures on Documents: Verigo, Incorporated (Verigo), Application for Exemption**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FMCSA announces that it has received from Verigo, Incorporated (Verigo) an application for an exemption from the signature requirement for a driver on the record of duty status (RODS). Verigo's application is being made on behalf of all drivers and carriers operating commercial motor vehicles in the U.S. and using the Verigo Wireless Logbook. The exemption would allow a signature entered on an electronic "signature pad" to be the functional equivalent of a handwritten signature on the RODS. Verigo states that this will allow the trucking industry to reduce administrative costs and increase productivity by providing a simple and effective alternative to paper RODS. The FMCSA requests public comment on Verigo's application for exemption.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 31, 2007.