

Background

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. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate to use five non-domestic 14" class 150 cast steel gate valves for rehabilitation of the Oxbow Bridge project in the State of Ohio.

In accordance with Division A, section 122 of the "Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012" (Pub. L. 112-55), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for five 14" class 150 cast steel gate valves for rehabilitation of the Oxbow Bridge project in the State of Ohio (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=86>) on March 25th. The FHWA received no comments in response to the publication. The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)—a program of the U.S. Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology—conducted a Supplier Scouting analysis of domestic manufacturing capabilities and capacity for the production of the five 14" class 150 cast steel gate valves for the bridge rehabilitation project in the State of Ohio. The MEP identified some domestic suppliers capable of casting part of the steel gate valve but not the complete 14" class 150 cast steel gate valve. However, the Ohio Department of Transportation's coordination with these identified suppliers found that these entities could not supply the specified product. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers of the five 14" class 150 cast steel gate valves. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of the five 14" class 150 cast steel gate valves.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the Ohio waiver page noted above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

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Victor M. Mendez,

FHWA Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Innovative Technology Administration

ITS Joint Program Office; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces the cancellation of the Connected Vehicle Planning and Policy Stakeholder Meeting. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. E.D.T. in the DOT Conference Center at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC. The ITS Joint Program Office is considering rescheduling the meeting for a future date. In the meantime, stakeholders may be interested in attending the upcoming Connected Vehicle Program Public Meeting on September 24 to 26, 2013. For more information, visit http://www.its.dot.gov/meetings/connected_vehicle_policy.htm.

Questions about the cancellation may be emailed to (Elizabeth.Machek@dot.gov).

John Augustine,

Managing Director, ITS Joint Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Notice of Meeting Amendment

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans meeting on September 11-13, 2013, in the William Phillip King room at The Emily Morgan Hotel, 705 East Houston Street, San Antonio, TX, has been rescheduled as a teleconference call meeting on September 11, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in Room 921 at 1722 Eye Street NW., Washington, DC. The toll free number for the meeting is 1-800-767-1750 and the access code is 40653#. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an on-going assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless Veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless Veterans and provide on-going advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless Veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

The Committee will receive briefings from VA and other officials regarding services for homeless Veterans. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments on issues affecting homeless Veterans for review by the Committee to Mr. Vince Kane, Designated Federal Officer, Homeless Veterans Initiative Office (075D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 1722 Eye Street NW., Washington, DC 20006, or email to vince.kane@va.gov. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting or want additional information should contact Mr. Kane at (202) 461-1857.

Dated: September 5, 2013.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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