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As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.1204, in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on six digit coding systems. The first coding system is the Office of Management and Budget North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The second is the Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The SBA received a request on January 12, 2004 to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for General Aviation Turboprop Aircraft. In response, on February 4, 2004, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to grant the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for General Aviation Turboprop Aircraft. SBA explained in the notice that it was soliciting comments and sources of small business manufacturers of this class of products. In response to this notice, no comments were received from any interested party. SBA has determined that there are no small business manufacturers of this class of products, and is therefore granting the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for General Aviation Turboprop Aircraft, NAICS 441229.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17).

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Acting Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Size Standards: Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of termination of waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Small Arms Manufacturing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is terminating the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Small Arms Manufacturing based on our recent discovery of small business manufacturers for this class of products. Terminating this waiver will require recipients of contracts set aside for small or 8(a) businesses to provide the products of small business manufacturers or processor on such contracts.

DATES: This termination of waiver is effective on March 30, 2004.

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As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.1204, in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of product, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on the

six digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and the four digit Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

SBA granted a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Small Arms Manufacturing, based on its determination that no small business manufacturers were available to participate in the Federal market for this class of products. It was recently brought to SBA's attention by small business manufacturers and a SBA Procurement Center Representative that small business manufacturers exist for items within the Small Arms Manufacturing class of products, identified under the NAICS 332994. In response, on October 29, 2003, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to terminate the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Small Arms Manufacturing. SBA explained in the notice that it had discovered the existence of small business manufacturers of that class of products. SBA did not receive any comments in response to the published notice. Accordingly, based on the available information, SBA has determined that there are small business manufacturers of this class of products, and is therefore terminating the class waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Small Arms Manufacturing, NAICS 332994.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Cobb and Cherokee Counties, GA

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 (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed combined highway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee Counties, Georgia.

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