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Title: 7 CFR part 1724, Electric Engineering, Architectural Services and Design Policies and Procedures.
OMB Control Number: 0572–0118.
Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Abstract: The Agency requires borrowers to use standard contract forms under certain circumstances. The use of standard forms helps assure the Agency that appropriate standards and specifications are maintained, that the Agency’s loan security is not adversely affected, and that loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purpose. Standardization of forms by the Agency results in substantial savings to Borrowers. If standard forms were not used, borrowers would be required to prepare documents and the government would require extensively and costly review by both the Agency and the Office of General Counsel. The contract forms included in this collection of

information are RUS Form 211, “Engineering Service Contract for the Design and Construction of a Generating Plant,” RUS Form 220, “Architectural Services Contract,” and RUS Form 236, Engineering Service Contract, “Electric System Design and Construction.”
Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.07 hours per response.
Respondents: Businesses, not-for-profit institutions and others.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 59.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 63 hours.
Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205–3660. Fax: (202) 720–3485.
All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 8, 2017.
Christopher A. McLean,
Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration
Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.
ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm’s workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
[9/9/2017 through 9/19/2017]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Poyant Signs, Inc.	125 Samuel Barnett Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02745.	9/12/2017	The firm manufactures custom, lighted signs for both interior and exterior applications.
SES America, Inc.	21 Quinton Street, Warwick, RI 02888.	9/15/2017	The firm manufactures high-quality, energy-efficient, illuminated signs and Dynamic Message Signs which are illuminated, digital signs mainly used by Departments of Transportation.
MSI Mold Builders Southeast, Inc.	12300 6th Street Southwest, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.	9/19/2017	The firm manufactures industrial molds.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA’s regulations at 13 CFR

315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Irette Patterson,
Program Analyst.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
First Responder Network Authority
[Docket Number 170912896–7896–01]
RIN 0660–XC037
National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

AGENCY: First Responder Network Authority, National

Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The First Responder Network Authority ("FirstNet") announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement ("PEIS") and conduct scoping for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. The Supplemental PEIS will address the processes FirstNet will follow for National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") compliance and assessing potential impacts at the site-specific scale.

DATES: The scoping period for this notice will begin on September 25, 2017 and will end on October 24, 2017. Submit comments on or before October 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The public is invited to submit written comments to this Notice. Written comments may be submitted electronically via email to PEIScomments@firstnet.gov or by mail (to the address listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Comments received will be made part of the public record and may be posted to FirstNet's Web site (www.firstnet.gov) without change. Comments should be machine readable and should not be copy-protected. All personally identifiable information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Goebel Pereira, NEPA Coordinator, First Responder Network Authority, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243, Reston, VA 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–96, Title VI, 126 Stat. 256 (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*)) (the "Act") created and authorized FirstNet to take all actions necessary to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of an interoperable, nationwide public safety broadband network ("NPSBN") based on a single, national network architecture. The Act meets a longstanding and critical national infrastructure need, to create a single, nationwide network that will, for the first time, allow police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety entities to effectively communicate with

each other across agencies and jurisdictions. The NPSBN is intended to enhance the ability of the public safety community to perform more reliably, effectively, and safely; increase situational awareness during an emergency; and improve the ability of the public safety community to effectively engage in those critical activities.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347) ("NEPA") requires federal agencies to undertake an assessment of environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making a final decision and implementing the action. NEPA requirements apply to any federal project, decision, or action that may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. NEPA also establishes the Council on Environmental Quality ("CEQ"), which issued regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508).

Due to the geographic scope of FirstNet (all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five territories) and the diversity of ecosystems potentially traversed by the project, FirstNet has prepared, and is in the process of publishing, five regional Final PEISs. The five Final PEISs are divided into the East, Central, West, South, and Non-Contiguous Regions, and each analyzes potential impacts of the deployment and operation of the NPSBN on the natural and human environment based on impact significance criteria developed at the programmatic level. FirstNet has also recently prepared and published for public and agency comment a draft document outlining its revised Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, the public comment period for which ended July 24, 2017.

Now that FirstNet has selected a network partner for building out the NPSBN and the draft revised implementing procedures have been published, a Supplemental PEIS will be prepared that will (1) incorporate the final version of FirstNet's revised implementing procedures and will assess any changes to potential impacts to the human or natural environment at the programmatic level as a result of those revised procedures and (2) will describe the processes FirstNet will follow in accordance with NEPA to assess potential impacts at the site-specific scale using impact significance criteria to be developed using a resource-appropriate framework.

Dated: September 20, 2017.

Amanda Goebel Pereira,
NEPA Coordinator, First Responder Network Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–58–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 23—Erie County, New York; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Cummins, Inc.; (Diesel and Gas Engines); Lakewood and Jamestown, New York

The Erie County Industrial Development Agency, grantee of FTZ 23, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Cummins, Inc. (Cummins), located within Subzone 23D in Lakewood and Jamestown, New York. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on August 28, 2017.

The Cummins facility is used for the production of diesel and gas engines. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Cummins from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, Cummins would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: Automotive diesel and natural gas engines; industrial diesel engines; stationary generator diesel engines; and, recreational marine diesel engines (duty free to 2.5%). Cummins would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Accumulators; adapters (air inlet/filter head/hydraulic pump/spline); cylinder blocks; steel and iron braces (bracket/fuel pump/gear housing/tube); brackets (belt tensioner/breather/electronic control module/lifting/shipping/transfer pump); main bearing caps; steel injector clamps; ignition coils; exhaust collars;