

encompasses any equipment that can be used in a fixed or mobile broadband network to enable users to originate and receive high quality voice, data, graphics, and video telecommunications using technology with connection speeds of at least 200 kbps in either direction.⁷

- Broadcasting equipment, including radio frequency devices contained in electronic-electrical products that are capable of emitting radio frequency energy by radiation, conduction, or other means. These products have the potential to cause interference to radio services operating in the radio frequency range of 9 kHz to 3000 GHz.⁸

- Broadband equipment (e.g., fiber/coax cable, conduit, pedestals, handholes, tower structures, and other physical components used to connect to telecommunication equipment).

- Grid-connected utility-scale energy generation and stationary storage (>5MW).

- Cargo handling equipment, including cranes, that are manufactured by or contain any networks, operating systems, or software identified in U.S. Maritime Advisory 2024–0026 or successor advisories.⁹

While these items are excluded from this general waiver, DOT recognizes that purchases of these items from non-domestic sources as part of a federally-assisted project may be warranted in certain circumstances. For those individual projects, DOT and its OAs will consider requests for potential waivers of BABA or other Buy America requirements on a case-by-case basis, with special attention to any strategic security issues that may be associated with those purchases.

Separately, DOT also notes that the waiver does not waive the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 50101(d) or 49 U.S.C. 5323(u), or any other requirements for federal financial assistance. Because many DOT-administered financial assistance programs are also subject to program-specific domestic preference requirements, the waiver would also apply to those requirements. Specifically, the waiver would also be an exercise of DOT's authority to issue public interest waivers under 23 U.S.C. 313(b)(1), 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), 46 U.S.C. 54101(d)(2)(B)(i)(I), 49 U.S.C. 50101(b)(1), and 41 U.S.C. chapter 83.

Under those DOT authorities, the waiver also applies to projects in the Freely Associated States (the Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Federated States of Micronesia).¹⁰

The duration of the waiver will be for five years, from its effective date of January 10, 2025, until January 9, 2030. The Department will periodically review this waiver to assess whether it remains necessary to the fulfillment of DOT's missions and goals and consistent with applicable legal authorities, such as the IJA, Executive Order 14005, and OMB M–24–02. The Department may, based on the results of that review, terminate the waiver, or take action to develop a new waiver in consultation with the MIAO.

This action is a new public interest waiver being issued on the basis of the unique circumstances and ongoing challenges faced by the Pacific Island territories and Freely Associated States due to their remote location.

Accordingly, effective with the issuance of the new waiver on January 10, 2025, DOT is also terminating the existing temporary general applicability waiver for the Pacific Island Territories, which DOT issued on April 29, 2024, to provide time to collect and analyze evidence to determine if a more targeted waiver of these requirements would be in the public interest.

Under OMB Memorandum M–24–02, agencies are expected to assess “whether a significant portion of any cost advantage of a foreign-sourced product is the result of the use of dumped steel, iron, or manufactured products or the use of injuriously subsidized steel, iron, or manufactured products” as appropriate before granting a public interest waiver. DOT's analysis has not found that the cost considerations driving this public interest waiver are due to the use of dumped steel, iron, or manufactured products or of injuriously subsidized steel, iron, or manufactured products but rather to the increased costs of shipping domestic items from the mainland U.S.

Pursuant to Section 117 of the SAFETEA–LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–244, 122 Stat. 1572), if FHWA makes a finding that a

waiver is appropriate under 23 U.S.C. 313(b), FHWA will also invite public comment on this finding for an additional five days following the date of publication of the finding. Comments received during that period will be reviewed, but the finding will continue to remain valid. Those comments may influence DOT/FHWA's decision to terminate or modify a finding.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 8, 2025.

Polly E. Trottenberg,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: This action was issued on January 10, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202–622–2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202–622–2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On January 10, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

⁷ <https://www.fcc.gov/laboratory-division/equipment-authorization-approval-guide/equipment-authorization-system#step2>.

⁸ <https://www.fcc.gov/oet/ea/rfdevice>.

⁹ 2024–002—Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci/2024-002-worldwide-foreign-adversarial-technological-physical-and-cyber-influence>.

¹⁰ The proposed waiver under section 70914(b)(1) of BABA excludes projects in the Freely Associated States because the requirements under section 70914(a) are applicable only to infrastructure projects “in the United States” and, therefore, the BABA requirements do not apply to projects in the Freely Associated States. However, airports located in the Freely Associated States are eligible recipients under FAA's Airport Improvement Program, and the Buy American requirements specific to that program would thus also apply to the Freely Associated States.

Individuals

1. VELASQUEZ ARAGUAYAN, Ramon Celestino, Venezuela; DOB 31 Aug 1971; POB Guanaguana, Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-11448109 (Venezuela) (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, "Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela," 80 FR 12747, 3 CFR, 2015 Comp., p. 276 (March 11, 2015) (E.O. 13692), as amended by Executive Order 13857 of January 25, 2019, "Taking Additional Steps To Address the National Emergency With Respect to Venezuela," 84 FR 509, 3 CFR, 2019 Comp., p. 251 (January 30, 2019) (E.O. 13857), for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

2. OSORIO GUZMAN, Felix Ramon, Venezuela; DOB 05 Oct 1969; POB Maracay, Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-9657088 (Venezuela) (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13692, as amended by E.O. 13857, for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

3. FERRER SANDREA, Danny Ramon (a.k.a. SANDREA FERRER, Danny Ramon), Venezuela; DOB 23 Sep 1969; POB Caracas, Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-10509178 (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13692, as amended by E.O. 13857, for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

4. OBREGON PEREZ, Hector Andres, Venezuela; DOB 29 Aug 1983; POB Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-17123100 (Venezuela) (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13692, as amended by E.O. 13857, for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

5. RICO GONZALEZ, Douglas Arnoldo, Caracas, Venezuela; DOB 15 Jul 1965; alt. DOB 28 Sep 1969; POB Caracas, Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-6864238 (Venezuela) (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13692, as amended by E.O. 13857, for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

6. SALAZAR BELLO, Jhonny Rafael, Caracas, Venezuela; DOB 13 Nov 1970; POB Carupano, Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-10882214 (Venezuela); Passport 077530031 (Venezuela) expires 19 Sep 2018 (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13692, as amended by E.O. 13857, for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

7. CASTILLO RENGIFO, Manuel Enrique, Venezuela; DOB 24 Nov 1969; POB Bolivar, Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-10049604 (Venezuela) (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13692, as amended by E.O. 13857, for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

8. FIGUERA VALDEZ, Jose Ramon, Caracas, Venezuela; DOB 13 Oct 1974; POB Maturin, Venezuela; nationality Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. V-11344561 (Venezuela) (individual) [VENEZUELA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13692, as amended by E.O. 13857, for being a current or former official of the Government of Venezuela.

Lisa M. Palluconi,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0208]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Architect-Engineer Fee Proposal and Contractor Production Report

AGENCY: Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Service (PPS), Office of Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Service, Office of Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by February 14, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments", then search the list for the information collection by Title or "OMB Control No. 2900-0208."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202-461-8900, vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VA Form 6298, Architect-Engineer Fee Proposal, and VA Form 10101, Contractor Production Report.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0208
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 6298, Architect-Engineer Fee Proposal—the use of this form is mandatory for obtaining the proposal and supporting cost or pricing data from the contractor and its subcontractor(s) for all architect-engineer (A-E) contracts and orders for design services when the total contract value is estimated to be \$50,000 or more. It is also used in obtaining proposals and supporting cost or pricing data for architect engineer services for research study, seismic study, master planning study, construction management, and other related services contracts. VA Form 10101, Contractor Production Report—is used by VA Resident Engineers to monitor contractors' work and verify the work progress reported before payment can be made. The requirement for this information is contained in VA Acquisition Regulation Clause 852.236-79.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89FR87459, November 1, 2024.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11,810 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 264 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 644.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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