

maintains the Center and establishes and collects fees for the testing of the vehicles at the facility. Upon completion of the testing of the vehicles at the Center, a test report is provided to the manufacturer of the new bus model. The bus manufacturer certifies to an FTA grantee that the bus the grantee is purchasing has been tested at the Center. Also, grantees that are planning to purchase a bus use this report to assist them in making their purchasing decisions. LTI maintains a reference file for all the test reports which are made available to the public.

Respondents: Bus Manufacturers.

Estimated Annual Burden on

Respondents: 30 testing determinations at 3 hours each; 18 tests at 3 hours each and 520 requirements at 0.5 hours each.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 404 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects.

Background: 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants or contracts for research, development, demonstration and deployment projects and evaluation of technology of national significance to public transportation that the Secretary determines will improve mass transportation service or help transportation service meet the total urban transportation needs at a minimum cost. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Secretary is also authorized to request and receive appropriate information from any source. As an example, FTA's United We Ride Program is funded under the Transit Research Program. Research for the United We Ride Program is being conducted to gather information on how the objectives of Executive Order 13330 on Human Services Transportation Coordination are being achieved.

The information collected is submitted as part of the application for grants and cooperative agreements and is used to determine eligibility of applicants. Collection of this information also provides documentation that the applicants and recipients are meeting program objectives and are complying with FTA Circular 6100.1B and other federal requirements.

Respondents: FTA grant recipients.

Estimated Annual Burden on

Respondents: 56.2 hours for each of the 200 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 11,240 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

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Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of a foreign Three-Ton Chain Hoist in the Federal-aid construction project for the Hood Canal Bridge BR-0104 (25) retrofit and replacement in Washington.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is June 2, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via e-mail at gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, or via e-mail at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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 of such requirements 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 for the Three-Ton

Chain Hoist for the Hood Canal Bridge retrofit and replacement in Washington.

In accordance with Division I, section 126 of the "Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009" (Pub. L. 111-8), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for the Three-Ton Chain Hoist (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=32>) on April 16. The FHWA received no comments in response to this notice, which suggested that the Three-Ton Chain Hoist may not be available domestically. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted an additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers for the Three-Ton Chain Hoist. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers for the Three-Ton Chain Hoist. Thus, the FHWA concludes that a Buy America waiver is appropriate as provided by 23 CFR 635.410(c)(1).

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 Washington waiver page noted above.

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

Issued on: May 15, 2009.

King W. Gee,

Associate Administrator for Infrastructure.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Special Permits Applications

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), PHMSA is publishing the following list of special permit applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected