DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary
Notice of Funding Availability for the Small Business Transportation Resource Center Program; Closing and Award Dates Extended

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability; Extension of closing and award dates

SUMMARY: This action extends the closing and award dates for a Notice of Funding Availability for the Small Business Transportation Resource Center that was published on July 19, 2012, 77 FR 36034. USDOT OSDBU is extending the closing date to allow eligible entities time to adequately submit a proposal.

DATES: The submission period for the Notice of Funding Availability published on July 19, 2012 closing on July 31, 2012 is extended until August 13, 2012, 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time. Also, the notice of award for the competed region on or before August 16, 2012 is extended until August 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be electronically submitted to OSDBU via email at SBTRC@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, contact Ms. Patricia Martin, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W56–462, Washington, DC, 20590. Telephone: 1–800 532 1169. Email: patricia.martin@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the June 19, 2012 document (Notice No. USDOT–OST–OSDBU–SBTRC2012–10; Docket Number: DOT–OST–2009–0092), the Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) announces the opportunity for: (1) Business centered community-based organizations; (2) transportation-related trade associations; (3) colleges and universities; (4) community colleges or; (5) chambers of commerce, registered with the Internal Revenue Service as 501 C(6) or 501 C(3) tax-exempt organizations, to compete for participation in OSDBU’s Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) program in the Central Region.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 30, 2012.
Brandon Neal,
Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Notice of meeting of Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee: Public Meeting

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee: Public Meeting

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For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Elizabeth Turner at (617) 494–2068, elizabeth.turner@dot.gov, by Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

MCSAC

Section 4144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users [SAFETEA–LU, Public Law 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144, August 10, 2005] required the Secretary of Transportation to establish the MCSAC. The MCSAC provides advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on motor carrier safety programs and regulations, and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, 5 U.S.C. App 2).

II. Meeting Participation

Oral comments from the public will be heard during the last half-hour of the meetings on Monday and Tuesday and during the last 15 minutes of the meeting on Wednesday. Should all public comments be exhausted prior to the end of the specified period, the comment period will close. Members of the public may submit written comments on the topics to be considered during the meeting by Wednesday, May 16, 2012, to Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2006–26367 using any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: 202–493–2251.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA–2012–0029]

Notice of Request to Rescind Buy America Waiver for Minivans and Minivan Chassis

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request to rescind Buy America waiver and call for comments.

SUMMARY: The Vehicle Production Group LLC (VPG) has asked the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to rescind the Buy America non-availability waiver it issued on June 21, 2010, for minivans and minivan chassis. According to VPG, it manufactures minivans and minivan chassis that comply with all Buy America requirements under 49 CFR 661.11, including the final assembly requirement that was the subject of the June 2010 waiver. FTA seeks public comment before deciding whether to grant the request. If granted, the waiver would no longer apply; all minivans and minivan chassis purchased with federal funds would have to comply with the final assembly requirement of 49 CFR 661.11.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 4, 2012. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments by one of the following means, identifying your submissions by docket number FTA–2012–0029:

2. Fax: (202) 493–2251.


Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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With certain exceptions, FTA’s Buy America requirements prevent FTA from obligating an amount that may be appropriated to carry out its program for a project unless “the steel, iron, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.” 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1). One exception, or waiver, is allowed if “the steel, iron, and goods produced in the United States are not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality.” 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(B). FTA issued a non-availability waiver on June 21, 2010, for minivans and minivan chassis after finding that these items were not available from a domestic source that was willing and able to provide U.S.-made minivans and minivan chassis to FTA grantees in compliance with the Buy America rules.

Although FTA is not required to publish a notice in the Federal Register before waiving its Buy America requirements on the basis of non-availability, or to rescind such a waiver, FTA sought comment from all interested parties regarding the availability of domestically manufactured minivans and minivan chassis in order to fully determine the absolute necessity of a waiver. Upon finding that minivans and minivan chassis are not available from a domestic source, FTA issued a waiver from its Buy America final assembly requirement under 49 CFR 661.11. However, FTA has continued to require compliance with FTA’s domestic content requirement as well as the pre-award and post-delivery audit requirements under 49 CFR part 663. 

The purpose of this notice is to publish VPG’s request and to seek comment from all interested parties. Comments will help FTA to understand completely the facts surrounding VPG’s request. Therefore, FTA seeks comment from all interested parties regarding a potential rescission of the waiver, the merits of VPG’s request, and any effects such an action may have. A full copy of VPG’s request has been placed in docket number FTA–2012–0029.

Issued on July 30, 2012.

Dorval R. Carter, Jr.,
Chief Counsel.

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