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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act, (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), requires that recipients of Federal contracts set aside for small businesses or SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.406 (b). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

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).

Dated: March 8, 2004.

Barry S. Meltz,

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith Butler, Program Analyst, by telephone at (202) 619-0422; by FAX (202) 205-7280; or by e-mail at edith.butler@sba.gov.

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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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Walter Boyd, Urban Transportation Engineer, FHWA, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Suite 17T100, Atlanta, Georgia

30303, telephone: (404) 562-3651; Mr. Tony Dittmeier, Transportation Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Suite 17T50, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, telephone (404) 562-3512; Mr. Harvey Keepler, State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336, telephone: (404) 699-4400; or Mr. Marvin Woodward, Director of Projects and Planning, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE., Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, telephone: (404) 463-3099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), will prepare an EIS on a proposal to extend High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes along Interstate 75 and 575 (I-75 and I-575). The HOV lanes would be extended on I-75 from Akers Mill Road to Wade Green Road. HOV lanes would also be constructed on I-575 from the I-75/I-575 Interchange to Sixes Road in Cherokee County. The proposed HOV lanes would accommodate the implementation of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system with various transit stations along the I-75 corridor. Various design alternatives for both the HOV lanes and the BRT system will be studied.

In the May 15, 2003 **Federal Register** (volume 67, number 94), a notice of intent was issued by the FTA, in cooperation with the GRTA, to advise agencies and the public that an Alternatives Analysis (AA)/EIS was going to be prepared for a proposed transportation improvement in the metropolitan Atlanta region's northwest corridor. During the development of that AA by GRTA, it was determined that the appropriate course of action was to jointly develop a transportation improvement project with GDOT. A Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) has been adopted by GDOT and GRTA and an EIS will be prepared based on that LPA.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings and a public hearing will be held. The draft EIS will be available for public and agencies review and comments prior to the public hearing. To ensure that the full range of issues

related to this proposed project is addressed and all significant issues identified, formal scoping will be initiated. Additionally, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. Georgia's approved clearinghouse review procedures apply to this program.)

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Walter E. Boyd,

Urban Transportation Engineer, FHWA, Atlanta, Georgia.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of OMB approvals.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), this notice announces that new information collections requirements (ICRs) listed below have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). These ICRs pertain to 49 CFR part 214. Additionally, FRA hereby announces that other ICRs listed below have been re-approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). These ICRs pertain to parts 207, 209, 210, 212, 214, 215, 217, 218, 221, 223, 228, 232, 234, and 236. The OMB approval numbers, titles, and expiration dates are included herein under supplementary information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, sec. 2, 109

Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to display OMB control numbers and inform respondents of their legal significance once OMB approval is obtained. The following new FRA information collections were approved: (1) OMB No. 2130-0539, Railroad Worker Protection: Roadway Maintenance Machines (49 CFR Part 214) (Final Rule). The expiration date for this information collection is February 28, 2007. (2) OMB No. 2130-0558, Work Schedules and Sleep Patterns of Railroad Signalmen (Forms FRA F 6180.107/108). The expiration date for this information collection is October 31, 2006.

The following information collections were re-approved: (1) OMB No. 2130-0008, Inspection Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment (Power Brakes and Drawbars) (Part 232). The new expiration date for this information collection is January 31, 2007. (2) OMB No. 2130-0017, U.S. DOT Crossing Inventory Form (Form FRA F 6180.71). The new expiration date for this information collection is July 31, 2006. (3) OMB No. 2130-0506, Identification of Cars Moved in Accordance with Order 13528). The new expiration date for this information collection is July 31, 2006. (4) OMB No. 2130-0526, Control of Alcohol and Drug Use in Railroad Operations (Part 219)(Forms FRA F 6180.73/74/94A/95B). The new expiration date for this information collection is February 28, 2007. (5) OMB No. 2130-0537, Railroad Police Officers (Part 207). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2006. (6) OMB No. 2130-0006, Railroad Signal System Requirements (Part 236) (Forms FRA F 6180.14/47). The new expiration date for this information collection is October 31, 2006. (7) OMB No. 2130-0502, Filing of Dedicated Cars (Part 215). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2006. (8) OMB No. 2130-0516, Remotely Controlled Operations (Part 218). The new expiration date for this information collection is October 31, 2006. (9) OMB No. 2130-0519, Bad Order and Home Shop Card (Part 215). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2006. (10) OMB No. 2130-0520, Stenciling Reporting Mark (Part 215). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2006. (11) OMB No. 2130-0527, Locomotive Certification (Noise Compliance