professional, technical, contractual, and support staff. The expertise, both general and project related, education level, and availability of key project professional and technical personnel as evidenced by resumes and descriptions of past experience provided. Demonstrated evidence of specialized qualifications including knowledge of the proper use of safety belts and child safety seats. Key personnel include the project director, statistician, programmer, research assistants, and consultants. The adequacy of the facilities, equipment, and other resources identified to accomplish the proposed effort.

3. Project Planning and Scheduling

The completeness and realism of the proposer's plan for accomplishing the demonstration and evaluation within the guidelines and timeframe established in the notice. Another reasonable timeframe may be acceptable to the Government, but it must be justified. Realistic project components or milestones should be in evidence in the schedule.

4. Conformance with Methodological and Funding Guidelines

The demonstration of ability and intent to meet the basic guidelines and restrictions detailed in the notice in the conduct of the project. If certain guidelines cannot be met, reasonable justifications are given. Financial merit will be estimated by the cost to be borne by NHTSA and the in-kind contribution provided by the applicant as compared to the anticipated benefits.

Terms and Conditions of Award

1. Prior to award, the recipient must comply with the certification requirements of 49 CFR Part 29—Department of Transportation Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)

2. During the effective period of the cooperative agreement(s) awarded as a result of this notice, the agreement(s) shall be subject to NHTSA's General Provisions for Assistance Agreements; the cost principles of OMB Circular A–122, or FAR 31.2, as applicable to the recipient, and the requirements of 49 CFR Part 29. Each agreement with a non-profit organization or an educational institution shall also be subject to the general administrative requirements of 49 CFR Part 19.

Reporting Requirements

1. The recipient shall submit quarterly reports documenting project efforts to

date, suitable for public dissemination, within 15 days after the end of each quarter, and a final report summarizing the project effort by completion of the project. An original and three copies of each of these reports shall be submitted to the COTR.

2. The recipient may be requested to conduct an oral presentation of project activities for the COTR and other interested NHTSA personnel. For planning purposes, assume that these presentations will be conducted at the NHTSA Office of Communications and Outreach, Washington, D.C. An original and three copies of briefing materials shall be submitted to the COTR.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

James H. Hedlund,

Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs.

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Surface Transportation Board [STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1176X)]

Consolidated Rail Corporation; Abandonment Exemption; in Wicomico County, MD

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board. **ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) of: (1) The portion of its Mardella Industrial Track extending from milepost 40.80± to the junction with Conrail's Delmarva Secondary at milepost 42.00±, near Salisbury, MD; and (2) its Mill Street Industrial Track extending from the connection with the Mardella Industrial Track at milepost 0.00± to milepost 0.60±, near Salisbury, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: The exemption will be effective March 21, 1997 unless stayed or a statement of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) is filed. Statements of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) must be filed by March 3, 1997; petitions to stay must be filed by March 6, 1997; requests for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 and requests for a notice of interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 11, 1997; and petitions to reopen must be filed by March 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB–167 (Sub-No. 1176X) must be filed with: Office of the Secretary, Case

Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: John J. Paylor, Associate General Counsel, Consolidated Rail Corporation, 2001 Market St.—16A, Philadelphia, PA 19101–1416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927–5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927–5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289–4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927–5721.]

Decided: February 10, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Rodin and Michelangelo" (See list 1), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Philadelphia Museum of Art from on or about March 30, 1997, through June 22, 1997, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Neila Sheahan, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619–5030, and the address in Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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