

request to extend the compliance dates in Exemption 8761A because § 25.981 mandated new design changes, and they are in the process of testing and qualifying components to be incorporated into their design.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Public Notice for Waiver of Aeronautical Land-use Assurance; DeKalb-Taylor Municipal Airport, DeKalb, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent of waiver with respect to land.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal to change a portion of airport land from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical use and to authorize the lease of airport property. The proposal consists of a leasing 3.528 acres of Lot 51 of the original M.D. Shipman's Farm parcel. Lot 51 became part of Tract No. 1 (16.83 acres) that was deeded to the City of DeKalb by the United States of America as government surplus property under the Surplus Property Act of 1944. Tract 1 also is currently subject to the National Emergency Use Provision (for times of National emergency), a condition that the City of DeKalb would also like to remove from the 3.528 parcel requesting the change in use. This subject land currently has a metal storage building on it miscellaneous bituminous and concrete drives and parking areas located on it. It is the intent of the City of DeKalb, as owner and operator of the DeKalb—Taylor Municipal Airport (DKB) to retain ownership of the 3.528 acre parcel and allow for commercial development on said parcel. This notice announces that the FAA is considering the proposal to authorize the change from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical use of the subject airport property at the DeKalb—Taylor Municipal Airport (DKB), DeKalb, IL. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the lease or development of the subject airport property nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA.

In accordance with section 47107(h) of Title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the

Federal Register 30 days before modifying the land-use assurance that requires the property to be used for an aeronautical purpose.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 4, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Pur, Program Manager, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018. Telephone Number 847-294-7527/FAX Number 847-294-7046. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location by appointment or at the DeKalb—Taylor Municipal Airport, 3232 Pleasant Street, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is a legal description of the property being changed to non aeronautical use located in DeKalb, DeKalb County, Illinois, and described as follows:

Portion of Tract 1

That part of the north 1,200 feet of Lot 51 of the M.D. Shipman's Farm Flat on the North Half of Section 24, Township 40 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, except that part conveyed and quitclaimed to DeKalb Township for the DeKalb Bypass per Document No. 8305201 in DeKalb County, Illinois, being more particularly described as:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Lot 51; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West, 35.50 feet along the east line of said Lot 51 to the southerly right-of-way of Pleasant Street and to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West, 451.57 feet along said east line; thence South 76 degrees 04 minutes 52 seconds West, 265.58 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Peace Road conveyed per said Document No. 8305201; thence North 12 degrees 28 minutes 32 seconds West, 335.12 feet along said easterly right-of-way line; thence continuing along said easterly right-of-way line, 190.96 feet, being a curve to the right having a radius of 1,145.92 feet, the chord of said curve bears North 07 degrees 42 minutes 09 seconds West, 190.74 feet to the north line of said Lot 51; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 32 seconds East, 358.03 feet along said north line to the Point of Beginning.

Said parcel contains 3.528 acres, more or less.

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James G. Keefer,

Manager, Chicago Airports District Office, FAA, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2009-0002]

Notice of Buy America Waiver Request by Eldorado National for Minivan Chassis

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

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

SUMMARY: Several parties have asked the Federal Transit Administration to waive its Buy America requirements of 49 CFR 661.11 for the purchase of minivans that are manufactured or assembled outside the United States. According to these parties, minivans and minivan chassis are not available from a domestic source. FTA seeks public comment before deciding whether to grant these requests. If granted, a waiver would apply to all minivans and minivan chassis, not only those manufactured by Chrysler.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 16, 2009. 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-2009-0002. All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the instructions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

(1) *Web Site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site;

(2) *Fax:* (202) 493-2251;

(3) *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, Room W12-140, Washington, DC, 20590-0001.

(4) *Hand Delivery:* Room W12-140 on the first floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must make reference to the "Federal Transit Administration" and include docket number FTA-2009-0002. Due to security procedures in effect since October 2001, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to delays. Parties making submissions responsive to this notice should consider using an express mail firm to

ensure the prompt filing of any submissions not filed electronically or by hand. Note that all submissions received, including any personal information therein, will be posted without change or alteration to <http://www.regulations.gov>. For more information, you may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions please contact Jayme L. Blakesley at (202) 366-0304 or jayme.blakesley@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The purpose of this notice is to seek public comment on whether the Federal Transit Administration should waive its Buy America requirements of 49 CFR part 661 for minivans and minivan chassis that are manufactured or assembled outside the United States. Such waiver would apply to the domestic content and final assembly requirements of 49 CFR 661.11.

ElDorado National, Kansas, has asked FTA to waive its Buy America requirements, on the basis of non-availability, for minivan chassis manufactured and assembled by Chrysler in Ontario, Canada. ElDorado National uses Chrysler minivan chassis to manufacture its Amerivan lowered-floor minivans. In its request for a waiver, a copy of which has been placed in the Docket, ElDorado National asserts that General Motors and Chrysler minivan chassis, including those used on the Chevrolet Uplander, Pontiac Montana, Buick Terraza, Saturn Relay, Chrysler Town & Country, and Dodge Grand Caravan, are no longer manufactured in the United States.

In addition to ElDorado National, FTA has received a number of inquiries from its grantees about the availability of minivans from a domestic source. According to these grantees, minivans are no longer available from a source that can comply with FTA's Buy America requirements.

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, however, is 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 notes that, unlike with public interest waivers, it is not required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** before waiving its Buy America requirements on the basis of non-availability. In this instance, however, FTA is proceeding with an abundance of caution. In order to understand completely the facts surrounding the ElDorado National's request, FTA seeks comment from all interested parties regarding the availability of domestically manufactured minivans and minivan chassis. If granted, a waiver would apply to all minivans and minivan chassis, not only those manufactured by Chrysler. A full copy of ElDorado National's petition has been placed in docket number FTA-2009-0002.

Issued this 26th day of March, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Assistance to Small Shipyards Grant Program

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Office of Shipyards and Marine Technology.

ACTION: Notice of Small Shipyard Grant Program.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 20.814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean E. McKeever, Associate Administrator for Business and Workforce Development, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; phone: (202) 366-5737; fax: (202) 366-6988; or e-mail: jean.mckeever@dot.gov.

Key Dates: The period for submitting grant applications, as mandated by statute, commenced on March 11, 2009 and will terminate on May 10, 2009. The applications must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EDT on May 10, 2009. Applications received later than this time will not be considered. The Maritime Administrator intends to award grants no later than July 9, 2009.

Funding Opportunity: Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Pub. L. 110-417) and the section entitled "Assistance to Small Shipyards" in the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, provide that the Maritime Administration shall establish an assistance program for

small shipyards. Under this program, there is currently an aggregate of \$17,150,000 available for grants for capital improvements, and related infrastructure improvements at qualified shipyard facilities that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration. (\$350,000 of the \$17,500,000 appropriated for the program is reserved for program administration.) Such grants may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities or to acquire land unless such use is specifically approved by the Administrator as being consistent with and supplemental to capital and related infrastructure improvements. Grant funds may also be used for maritime training programs to foster technical skills and operational productivity in communities whose economies are related to or dependent upon the maritime industry. However, grants for such training programs may only be awarded to "Eligible Applicants" as described below but training programs can be established through vendors to such applicants.

Applications received for funding under the Assistance for Small Shipyards program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as announced in the **Federal Register**, Volume 74 Number 41 on March 4, 2009, will also be considered for funding under this announcement without any additional action required by the applicant. Applications for funding received by the Maritime Administration after 5 p.m. EDT on April 20, 2009 and prior to 5 p.m. EDT on May 10, 2009 will be considered only for funding under this announcement.

Award Information: The Maritime Administration intends to award the full amount of the available funding through grants to the extent that there are worthy applications. No more than 25 percent of the funds available will be awarded to shipyard facilities that have more than 600 production employees. The Maritime Administration will seek to obtain the maximum benefit from the available funding by awarding grants for as many of the most worthy projects as possible. The Maritime Administration may partially fund projects by selecting parts of the total project. The start date and period of performance for each award will depend on the specific project and must be agreed to by the Maritime Administration.

Eligibility Information: 1. Eligible Applicants—the statutes referenced in "Funding Opportunity" above provide that shipyards can apply for grants. The