

Furthermore, the important firmware files, namely, the system firmware, power control firmware, lamp driver firmware, and EDID firmware are developed and coded in Taiwan. The programming of the ICs, to make the digital projectors functional through the interaction of modules and via the firmware files after the digital projectors have been assembled, is also done in Taiwan. We also note that as in HQ H147365, a number of the Chinese modules contain some significant Taiwanese parts. Thus, as in HQ H147365, we find that the assembly processed previously described and the programming operations performed in Taiwan are sufficiently complex and meaningful so as to create new articles with a distinct name, character, and use.

We note that there are some distinctions among the five different versions of the digital projectors under consideration. The projector Model A and projector Model B are the same type of digital projector with different resolutions and some different features. These four versions of the projectors are similar because they are lamp based projectors. Model C is a slightly different type of projector in that it is an LED based projector and does not require a color wheel module. However, we do not believe that these differences in the projectors are relevant in determining their country of origin. Consequently, in accordance with our holding in HQ H147365, we find that the country of origin of the specified five models of the finished digital projectors is Taiwan.

HOLDING:

Based on the facts presented in this case, we find that the assembly and programming operations performed in Taiwan substantially transform the non-Taiwanese components into Taiwanese digital projectors. Therefore, the country of origin of the five different versions of digital projectors described above for purposes of government procurement is Taiwan.

Notice of this final determination will be given in the **Federal Register**, as required by 19 C.F.R. § 177.29. Any party-at-interest other than the party which requested this final determination may request, pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 177.31, that CBP reexamine the matter anew and issue a new final determination.

Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 177.30, any party-at-interest may, within 30 days of publication in the **Federal Register** Notice referenced above, seek judicial review of this final determination before the Court of International Trade.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Bell, Executive Director
Regulations and Rulings
Office of International Trade

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[Docket No. USCBP-2012-0015]

Request for Applicants for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC)

AGENCY: U. S. Customs and Border Protection; Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee Management; Request for Applicants for Appointment to COAC.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is requesting individuals who are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection to apply for appointment (COAC). COAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of CBP, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of the Treasury on all matters involving the commercial operations of CBP and related DHS and Treasury functions.

DATES: Applications for membership should reach CBP at the address below on or before July 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to apply for membership, your application should be submitted by one of the following means:

- *Email:* Traderelations@dhs.gov.
- *Fax:* 202-325-4290.
- *Mail:* Ms. Wanda Tate, Management & Program Analyst, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 5.2A, Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wanda Tate, Management & Program Analyst, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 5.2A, Wanda.Tate@dhs.gov, 202-344-1661, 202-325-4290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC) is an advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Balanced Membership Plans: The COAC consists of twenty members who are selected from representatives of the trade or transportation community served by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or others who are directly affected by CBP commercial operations and related functions. The members shall represent the interests of either importers (and their agents) or those associated with the carriage of international freight. The members will be appointed by the Secretaries of the Department of Homeland Security and the Treasury from candidates recommended by the Commissioner of CBP. In addition, members will represent major regions of the country, and, by statute, not more than ten of the twenty Committee members may be affiliated with the same political party.

It is expected that, during its upcoming thirteenth two-year term, the Committee will consider issues relating to enhanced border and cargo supply chain security, CBP modernization and automation, informed compliance and compliance assessment, account-based processing, commercial enforcement and uniformity, international efforts to harmonize customs practices and procedures, strategic planning, northern border and southern border issues, and import safety.

Committee Meetings:

The Committee meets quarterly each year although additional meetings may be scheduled. Generally, every other meeting of the Committee is held outside of Washington, DC, usually at a CBP port of entry. The members are not reimbursed for travel and per diem.

Committee Membership:

Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointee and a member may not send an alternate to represent him or her at a Committee meeting. Appointees will serve a two-year term of office that will be concurrent with the duration of the charter.

No person who is required to register under the *Foreign Agents Registration Act* as an agent or representative of a foreign principal may serve on this advisory Committee. If you are Federal registered lobbyist you will not be eligible to apply for appointment.

Members who are currently serving on the Committee are eligible to re-apply for membership provided that they are not in their second consecutive term and that they have met attendance requirements. A new application letter (see **ADDRESSES** above) is required, but it may incorporate by reference materials previously filed (please attach courtesy copies). Members will not be paid compensation by the Federal

Government for their services with respect to the COAC.

Application for Advisory Committee Appointment

Any interested person wishing to serve on the (COAC) must provide the following:

- Statement of interest and reasons for application;
- Complete professional biography or resume;
- Home address and telephone number;
- Work address, telephone number, and email address;
- Political affiliation in order to ensure balanced representation. (Required by COAC's authorizing legislation; if no party registration or allegiance exists, indicate "independent" or "unaffiliated.");
- Statement of the industry you represent;
- Statement whether you are a Federally registered lobbyist;
- Statement agreeing to submit to pre-appointment background and tax checks (mandatory). However, a national security clearance is not required for the position.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor. DHS strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

Dated: June 6, 2012.

David V. Aguilar,

Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5374-N-41]

Buy American Exceptions Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition (CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, an exception was granted to the Hammond Housing Authority for the purchase and installation of Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) multi-split air conditioners and heat pumps for the Hubert H. Humphrey Hi-Rise project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald J. LaVoy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Office of Field Operations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4112, Washington, DC 20410-4000, telephone number 202-402-8500 (this is not a toll-free number); or Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410-4000, telephone number 202-402-8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available by the Recovery Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB's

implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on May 14, 2012, upon request of the Hammond Housing Authority, HUD granted an exception to applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, in connection with the Hubert H. Humphrey Hi-Rise project. The exception was granted by HUD on the basis that the relevant manufactured goods (VRF multi-split air conditioners and heat pumps) are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

Dated: June 6, 2012.

Sandra B. Henriquez,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5600-FA-26]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the McKinney-Vento HMIS Technical Assistance (HMIS TA) Fiscal Year 2012

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the McKinney-Vento HMIS Technical Assistance program. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Hovden, Director, Technical Assistance Division, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7218, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone 202-402-4496 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service during working hours at 800-877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, visit HUD's Homelessness Resource Exchange at