

Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 28, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2009-0145. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel Casamar is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "Time charters."  
*Geographic Region:* "Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine."

#### Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments

received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, *etc.*). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: November 17, 2009.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Christine Gurland,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Waivers To Buy American Under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act for Grants-in-Aid for Airports

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of waiver to Buy American preferences for grants-in-aid grant projects.

**SUMMARY:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires publication of the waivers that have been issued under ARRA. This notice provides information on the waivers that have been issued for Federal Aviation Administration grants-in-aid projects.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 18, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Frank SanMartin, Manager, Airports Financial Assistance, APP 500, Room 620, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-3831.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1605 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act requires that agencies meet Buy American requirements for the use of American iron, steel, and manufactured goods. It further requires that agencies publish a **Federal Register** notice giving a detailed written justification explaining any waivers that are given to the Buy American requirements of the Act.

Title XII of the Act provides \$1,100,000,000 to make grants for airports. The Act requires that the grants issued by the Federal Aviation Administration follow the guidelines and requirements of subchapter 1 of chapter 471 and subchapter 1 of chapter

475 of title 49, United States Code (U.S.C.). These subchapters require following 49 U.S.C. 50101, the Buy American Preferences section that is used for airport grants-in-aid projects.

Under 49 U.S.C. 50101(b)(3), the Secretary may waive the Buy American preference requirement if the Secretary finds that facility or equipment is composed of more than 60 percent components and subcomponents that are produced in the United States (U.S.) and that final assembly of the facility or equipment has occurred in the U.S. To meet Buy American requirements, airports using grant funding must seek a waiver from FAA to use any product that is not made up of 100 percent U.S. components or subcomponents. However it is well known that many of the U.S. products used on airport grant projects contain some small percentage of non-U.S. goods. In order to help airports comply with Buy American, FAA has reviewed many of the most commonly used airport products and determined whether the products are eligible to receive a waiver under 49 U.S.C. 50101(b)(3). Products that do meet the waiver criteria are granted a "Nationwide Waiver." This "Nationwide Waiver" allows the product to be used on airport projects without having to receive separate project waivers. Having a nationwide waiver allows construction to start quickly without having to wait for the Buy American analysis to be completed for every project, while still assuring the funds used for airport projects under the Act are being directed to U.S. manufacturers.

Because of the "Nationwide Waiver," only a handful of the over 300 airport projects under the Act have needed a waiver to Buy American. In nearly every case, the waivers were granted for products that were later granted nationwide waivers. Waivers were required simply because the Nationwide Buy American compliance review had not been completed. The remaining waivers are for items for which a nationwide waiver has not been issued.

The items that have been granted a "Nationwide Waiver" can be found on the FAA Web site at: [http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/procurement/federal\\_contract\\_provisions/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/procurement/federal_contract_provisions/) at the tab entitled, Equipment Meeting Buy American Requirements.

Project waivers issued under ARRA, including those for which nationwide waivers have since been issued are as follows:

Airport	Product	Final assembly location
Tuscaloosa Regional Airport, Tuscaloosa, Alabama .....	Palladin Light Construction Group Lighted Closure "X".	Dexter, Michigan.
St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, Clearwater, Florida .....	Various Products in Terminal Building Construction.	Clearwater, Florida.
Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas .....	Oshkosh Corporation Airport Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle.	Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
White Sulphur Springs Airport, White Sulphur Springs, Montana; Billings Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana.	Sherwin Williams Pavement Marking Glass Beads.	Victorville, California and Canby, Oregon.
Helena Regional Airport, Helena, Montana; Bowman Field Airport, Anaconda, Montana.	Liberty Airport Systems Regulator	Lancaster, New York.
Helena Regional Airport, Helena, Montana; Bowman Field Airport, Anaconda, Montana.	Airport Lighting Company Edge Light.	Manilus, New York.
Helena Regional Airport, Helena, Montana; Bowman Field Airport, Anaconda, Montana.	Ridgeline Pipe Manufacturing PVC Conduit.	Eugene, Oregon.
Mitchell Municipal Airport, Mitchell, South Dakota .....	Crouse Hinds Lighting Equipment	Mitchell Municipal Airport, Mitchell, SD.
Muskegon County Airport, Muskegon, Michigan .....	Rosenbauer Airport Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle.	Wyoming, Minnesota.
Dayton International Airport, Dayton, Ohio .....	Olson Industries Light Base .....	Atkinson, Nebraska.
Bowman Field Airport, Anaconda, Montana .....	Airfield Signs .....	AGM, Inc, Manlius, New York.

**Authority:** Public Law 111-5, Section 1605.

Issued in Washington, DC, November 18, 2009.

**Frank San Martin,**

*Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Branch.*

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compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2010 under section 3211(b) on employee representatives is 12.1 percent of compensation.

Dated: November 18, 2009.

**Nancy Marks,**

*Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel, (Tax Exempt and Government Entities).*

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benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments on the afternoon of December 14. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Ersie Farber, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (211A), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Farber at (202) 461-9728 or [Ersie.farber@va.gov](mailto:Ersie.farber@va.gov).

Dated: November 19, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Publication of the tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2010 as required by section 3241(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. section 3241). Tier 2 taxes on railroad employees, employers, and employee representatives are one source of funding for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act.

**DATES:** The tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2010 apply to compensation paid in calendar year 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michelle R. Weigelt,  
CC:TEGE:EOEG:ET1, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Telephone Number (202) 622-0047 (not a toll-free number).

**Tier 2 Tax Rates:** The tier 2 tax rate for 2010 under section 3201(b) on employees is 3.9 percent of compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2010 under section 3221(b) on employers is 12.1 percent of

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation will meet on December 14-15, 2009, in the Carlton Ballroom at the St. Regis, 923 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising from service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule and give advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of veterans relating to disability compensation.

On both days, the Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other Veteran

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### Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee will conduct a telephone conference call meeting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009, in Room 844 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington,