

U.S. side connecting into TIJ's passenger terminal on the Mexican side; and parking facilities and areas for car rentals and potentially bus service on the U.S. side. According to the application, the CBF would allow passengers to bypass San Diego's congestion-prone ports of entry and avoid driving through the City of Tijuana.

Dated: December 18, 2009.

**Alex Lee,**

*Director, Office of Mexican Affairs,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6845]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fifty-third Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from February 22 to February 26, 2010.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda.
- Decisions of other IMO bodies.
- Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats.
- Compatibility of life-saving appliances.
- Revision of resolution A.760(18).
- Performance standards for recovery systems.
- Cargo oil tank coating and corrosion protection.
- Development of a new framework of requirements for life-saving appliances.
- Guidance to ensure consistent policy for determining the need for watertight doors to remain open during navigation.
- Protection against noise on board ships.
- Thermal performance of immersion suits.
- Alternative arrangements for the bottom inspection requirements for passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships.
- Amendments to the Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances.

- Safety provisions applicable to tenders operating from passenger ships.
- Classification of offshore industry vessels and consideration of the need for a code for offshore construction support vessels.
- Interpretation on application of SOLAS, MARPOL and Load Line requirements for major conversions of oil tankers.
- Consideration of IACS unified interpretations.
- Development of a mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters.
- Application of amendments to SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code.
- Guidelines for a visible element to general alarm systems on passenger ships.
- Improvement of existing pollution prevention equipment.
- Development of guidelines for a shipboard oil waste pollution prevention plan.
- Manually operated alternatives in the event of prevention pollution equipment malfunctions.
- Work programme and agenda for DE 54.
- Any other business.
- Report to the Maritime Safety Committee.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Wayne Lundy, by e-mail at [Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil](mailto:Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-1379, by fax at (202) 372-1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG-5213), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126 not later than 72 hours before the meeting. A member of the public requesting reasonable accommodation should make such request prior to January 14th, 2010. Requests made after that time might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: <http://www.uscg.mil/imo>.

Dated: December 22, 2009.

**Jon Trent Warner,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating  
Committee, Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Procurement Thresholds for Implementation of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Determination of procurement thresholds under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, and the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9476 or [Jean\\_Grier@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Jean_Grier@ustr.eop.gov).

**SUMMARY:** Executive Order 12260 requires the United States Trade Representative to set the U.S. dollar thresholds for application of Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511 *et seq.*), which implements U.S. trade agreement obligations, including those under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Government Procurement, Chapter 15 of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Australia FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Bahrain FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Chile FTA), Chapter 9 of the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States (DR-CAFTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Morocco FTA), Chapter 10 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Oman FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (U.S.-Peru TPA), and Chapter 13 of the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

(U.S.-Singapore FTA). These obligations apply to covered procurements valued at or above specified U.S. dollar thresholds.

Now, therefore, I, Ronald Kirk, United States Trade Representative, in conformity with the provisions of Executive Order 12260, and in order to carry out U.S. trade agreement obligations under the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement, Chapter 15 of the U.S.-Australia FTA, Chapter 9 of the U.S.-Bahrain FTA, Chapter 9 of the U.S.-Chile FTA, Chapter 9 of DR-CAFTA, Chapter 9 of the U.S.-Morocco FTA, Chapter 10 of NAFTA, Chapter 9 of the U.S.-Oman FTA, Chapter 9 of the U.S.-Peru TPA, and Chapter 13 of the U.S.-Singapore FTA, do hereby determine, effective on January 1, 2010:

For the calendar years 2010–2011, the thresholds are as follows:

#### **I. WTO Agreement on Government Procurement**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in U.S. Annex 1:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$203,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in U.S. Annex 2:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$554,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *C. Other Entities listed in U.S. Annex 3:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$624,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

#### **II. U.S.-Australia FTA, Chapter 15**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15-A, Section 1:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$70,079; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15-A, Section 2:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$554,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15-A, Section 3:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List A Entities—\$350,396;
- (2) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$624,000;
- (3) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

#### **III. U.S.-Bahrain FTA, Chapter 9**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15-A, Section 1:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$203,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$9,110,318.

##### *B. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9-A, Section 3:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List B entities—\$624,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$11,213,223.

#### **IV. U.S.-Chile FTA, Chapter 9**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$70,079; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$554,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List A Entities—\$350,396;
- (2) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$624,000;
- (3) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

#### **V. DR-CAFTA, Chapter 9**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$70,079; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$554,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$624,000;
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

#### **VI. U.S.-Morocco FTA, Chapter 9**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$203,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$554,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$624,000;
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

#### **VII. NAFTA, Chapter 10**

##### *A. Federal Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 1001.1a-1:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$70,079; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$9,110,318.

##### *B. Government Enterprises listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 1001.1a-2:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$350,396; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$11,213,223.

#### **VIII. U.S.-Oman FTA, Chapter 9**

##### *A. Central Level Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9, Section A:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$203,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$9,110,318.

##### *B. Other Covered Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9, Section B:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$624,000;
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$11,213,223.

#### **IX. U.S.-Peru TPA, Chapter 9**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$203,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services—\$554,000; and
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

##### *C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:*

- (1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$624,000;
- (2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

#### **X. U.S.-Singapore FTA, Chapter 13**

##### *A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section A:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$70,079; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

*B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section B:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$554,000; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

*C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section C:*

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$624,000;

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,804,000.

**Ronald Kirk**,  
*United States Trade Representative.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 35314]

**Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, LLC—Acquisition—CSXT Transportation, Inc.**

A decision was served in this proceeding on December 21, 2009, and was published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2009. Appendix A to

the decision set forth the procedural schedule for this proceeding. The eighth date listed in Appendix A (referring to Responses to comments, etc.) inadvertently referenced “March 13, 2010.” The correct date is February 12, 2010.

Please correct your copies of the decision accordingly. All other information remains unchanged. A corrected copy of Appendix A follows this notice.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: December 23, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig**,  
*Clearance Clerk.*

**APPENDIX A: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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| November 24, 2009 ..... | Application, Motion for Protective Order, and Petition Suggesting Procedural Schedule filed.  |
| December 8, 2009 .....  | Protective Order Issued.  |
| December 23, 2009 ..... | Board notice of acceptance of application published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.  |
| January 6, 2010 .....   | Notices of intent to participate in this proceeding due.  |
| January 11, 2010 .....  | Discovery requests due to Applicants.   |
| January 18, 2010 .....  | Responses to discovery due.   |
| January 25, 2010 .....  | All comments, protests, requests for conditions, and any other evidence and argument in opposition to the application, including filings of DOJ and DOT, due. |
| February 12, 2010 ..... | Responses to comments, protests, requests for conditions, and other opposition due. Applicants' rebuttal in support of the application due.                   |
| TBD .....               | A public hearing or oral argument may be held.  |
| March 29, 2010 .....    | Final decision to be served.  |
| April 28, 2010 .....    | Final decision to become effective.   |

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[DOCKET NO. MARAD-2009-0147]

**Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before March 1, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Ann Thomas, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Telephone: 202-366-2646 or E-mail: [patricia.thomas@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.thomas@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Maritime Administration (MARAD)**

*Title of Collection:* Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0506.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* This information collection of information provides a method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.

*Need and Use of the Information:* This information is used by MARAD personnel to process and verify requests for service awards.

*Description of Respondents:* Master, officers and crew members of U.S. ships.

*Annual Responses:* 700 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 700 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for