

**DATES:** Written comments should be provided on or before April 25, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments:* Comments related to Docket No. FRA-2012-0033 may be submitted by any of the following methods:

(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; or

(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 Railroad Administration" and include docket number FRA-2012-0033. 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 you may visit <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at anytime, or to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Ms. Linda Martin, Attorney-Advisor, FRA Office of Chief Counsel, Mail Stop 10, West Building 3rd Floor, Room W31-304, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202-493-6062) or via email at [Linda.Martin@dot.gov](mailto:Linda.Martin@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FRA projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010 (Div. A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117) ("FY 2010 DOT Appropriations Act"), must comply with the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 ("PRIIA") Buy America

provisions (49 U.S.C. 24405(a)). Section 24405(a)(1) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation ("Secretary") to obligate grant funds only if the steel, iron, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. However, sec. 24405(a)(2) also permits the Secretary to waive the Buy America requirements if he finds that: (A) Applying paragraph (1) would be inconsistent with the public interest; (B) the steel, iron, and goods manufactured in the United States are not produced in sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality; (C) rolling stock or power train equipment cannot be bought or delivered to the United States within a reasonable time; or (D) including domestic material will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

Before determining whether it is appropriate to waive the Buy America provision, sec. 24405(a)(4) requires that the Secretary first provide the public with an opportunity to comment. If after receiving public comment, the Secretary decides to grant the waiver, a detailed written justification for the decision must be published in the **Federal Register**. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that FRA has received a waiver request for the Vossloh 101-LV concrete tie system, which contains certain components not manufactured in the United States, and to solicit public comments on the request. BNSF as the owner of the infrastructure that will be improved by the HSIPR grants proposes to install approximately 171,000 Vossloh 101-LV concrete ties for the following projects: (a) The Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor Program (b) the Amtrak Quad Cities to Chicago Service Initiation Project, (c) the Tower 55 At-Grade Improvement Project, and (d) the LA to Fullerton Triple Track—Segment 7 Project. Transmittals in furtherance of this request have been submitted to FRA by WSDOT, IDOT, TxDOT, and Caltrans.

The foreign components of the concrete tie are limited to the dowel inserts and SKL-30 tension clamps. The function of the dowel insert is to provide housing for the lag screw that fastens the SKL-30 tension clamps to the tie. The SKL-30 tension clamps hold the rail to the tie and prevent lateral and longitudinal movement of the rail. BNSF and the identified States seek the waiver pursuant to sec. 24405(a)(2)(B) because they believe that for the reasons set forth in the request, that suitable materials are not reasonably available in the United States and therefore a waiver from

FRA's Buy America requirement is appropriate.

The request in its entirety is available on FRA's Web site at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/Pages/251.shtml>. In order to completely understand the facts surrounding the request, FRA seeks comment from all interested parties regarding the availability of suitable domestically manufactured products, any public interest concerns, or the potential Buy America waiver.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 4, 2012.

**Corey Hill,**

*Director, Rail Project Development and Delivery, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Mint

#### Meeting of Notification of Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

**ACTION:** Notification of April 26, 2012 Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to United States Code, Title 31, section 5135(b)(8)(C), the United States Mint announces the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) public meeting scheduled for April 26, 2012.

*Date:* April 26, 2012.

*Time:* 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Location:* Conference Room A, United States Mint, 801 9th Street NW., Washington, DC 20220.

*Subject:* Review and consideration of reverse candidate designs for the 2013 Girl Scouts of America Commemorative Coin Program, background research for the reverse designs of the 2013 First Spouse Gold Coins and Medals, and designs for the Code Talkers Recognition Congressional Gold Medals. In addition, the CCAC plans a discussion relating to the 2011 CCAC Annual Report and a presentation by member Michael Bugeja on historical coin legends, mottos, dates, symbols and devices.

**Interested Persons Should Call the CCAC HOTLINE at (202) 354-7502 for the Latest Update on Meeting Time and Room Location**

*In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 5135, the CCAC:*

- Advises the Secretary of the Treasury on any theme or design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals.
- Advises the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events,

persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made.

- Makes recommendations with respect to the mintage level for any commemorative coin recommended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andy Fishburn, United States Mint Liaison to the CCAC; 801 9th Street NW.; Washington, DC 20220; or call 202-354-7200.

Any member of the public interested in submitting matters for the CCAC's consideration is invited to submit them by fax to the following number: 202-756-6525.

**Authority:** 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C).

Dated: April 4, 2012.

**Richard A. Peterson,**

*Deputy Director, United States Mint.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Special Medical Advisory Group will meet on April 19, 2012, in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Group is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on the care and treatment of disabled Veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include discussions on the Academic Affiliations Council, ethics, an update on social services, and the White House initiative, "Joining Forces."

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may submit written statements for review by the Committee to Ms. Juanita Leslie, VA Office of Administrative Operations (10B), VHA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at [j.t.leslie@va.gov](mailto:j.t.leslie@va.gov). Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Leslie at (202) 461-7019.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: April 4, 2012.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on April 20, 2012, 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to evaluate Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence applications.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on

the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

A general session will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of the meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications and critiques. During the closed portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meeting. Those who plan to attend the general session should contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email at [tiffany.asqueri@va.gov](mailto:tiffany.asqueri@va.gov). For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: April 4, 2012.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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