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Subject: DBE and ADA Proposed Rule Making Notices

Program Area: Civil Rights

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The following Notices of Proposed Rule Making are available for comment:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Program Implementation Modifications

This notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposes three categories of changes to improve implementation of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) rule. First, the NPRM proposes revisions to personal net worth, application, and reporting forms. Second, the NPRM proposes modifications to certification-related provisions of the rule. Third, the NPRM would modify several other provisions of the rule, concerning subjects as good faith efforts, transit vehicle manufacturers and counting of trucking companies.

Comments on this proposed rule must be received by December 24, 2012.

You must submit comments (identified by the agency name and DOT Docket ID Number OST-2012-0147) by the Federal Rulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Note that all comments received will become part of the docket and will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided and will be available to internet users. 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.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR2010-29/pdf/2010-32876.pdf>Docket. For internet access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

For information, contact Jo Anne Robinson, Office of General Law, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9154, or email joanne.robinson@dot.gov.

For further information, please visit our DBE web page at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12326.html>.

Americans With Disabilities Act: Proposed Circular Chapter, Vehicle Acquisition

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has placed in the docket and on its web site proposed guidance in the form of a circular chapter to help transportation providers ensure that the buses and rail cars they acquire meet the requirements of the U.S. DOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. This proposed chapter on vehicle acquisition is the first in a series of approximately 12 chapters that will compose a complete ADA circular. By public notice, FTA invites public comment on this proposed circular chapter and suggestions for specific issues to cover in future chapters.

Comments must be submitted by December 3, 2012. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

You must submit comments to Docket No. FTA–2012–0045 to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket number FTA–2012–0045 for this notice at the beginning of your comments.

Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided and will be available to Internet users. You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement published in the Federal Register on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

For program questions, contact Dawn Sweet, Office of Civil Rights, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room E54–437, Washington, DC 20590, phone (202) 366–4018, or email dawn.sweet@dot.gov. For legal questions, Bonnie Graves, Office of Chief Counsel, same address, Room E56–306, phone (202) 366–4011, or email bonnie.graves@dot.gov.

For further information, please visit our ADA web page at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12325.html>.

For additional information, contact Region 10’s Christopher MacNeith at (206) 220-4462 or email christopher.macneith@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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