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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Best Practices Procurement Manual

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of updates to FTA's Best Practices Procurement Manual.

SUMMARY: FTA periodically updates its Best Practices Procurement Manual. These updates are currently available through the FTA World Wide Web Page and the FTA Office of Procurement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reginald Lovelace, FTA Office of Procurement, (202) 366-2654. Electronic access to this and other documents concerning FTA's procurement requirements may be obtained through the FTA World Wide Web home page at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FTA first published its Best Practices Procurement Manual (BPPM or Manual) in 1996. The purpose of the Manual is to assist FTA grantees and their contractors to better understand and implement the FTA third party procurement requirements, found at FTA Circular 4220.1D. Because the agency views the BPPM as a "living document," it has been continuously updated since 1996.

FTA has added the following subjects to the Manual: Procurement Planning and Organization (indefinite delivery contracts); Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) (comparing the previous and present DBE rules; listing administrative requirements; describing the goals for DBE participation; establishing certification standards and procedures; and discussing exemptions and waivers to the DBE rule); Contract Administration (particularly any changes in a given contract); Closeouts; and Disputes.

FTA intends to publish a fourth edition of the BPPM early next year; that manual will be available through the FTA Office of Procurement, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590; it can also be downloaded through the FTA Web Page, www.fta.dot.gov.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Nuria I. Fernandez,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Name Change—General Accident Insurance Company of America

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 8 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1999 Revision, published July 1, 1999, at 64 FR 35864.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GENERAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a Pennsylvania

corporation, has formerly changed its name to CGU INSURANCE COMPANY, effective August 2, 1999. The Company was last listed as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds at 64 FR 35876, July 1, 1999.

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds, dated today, is hereby issued under Sections 9304 to 9308 of Title 31 of the United States Code, to CGU INSURANCE COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This new Certificate replaces the Certificate of Authority issued to the Company under its former name. The underwriting limitation of \$131,739,000 established for the Company as of July 1, 1999, remains unchanged until June 30, 2000.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30, each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the Company remains qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1, in the Department Circular 570, which outlines details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1999 Revision, at page 35870 to reflect this change.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>). A hard copy may be purchased from the

Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00527-6.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

Wanda J. Rogers,

Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Name Change—Pennsylvania General Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 7 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1999 Revision, published July 1, 1999, at 64 FR 35864.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pennsylvania General Insurance Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, has formally changed its name to GENERAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, effective August 2, 1999. The Company was last listed as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds at 64 FR 35885, July 1, 1999.

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds, dated today, is hereby issued under sections 9304 to 9308 of Title 31 of the United States Code, to GENERAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This new Certificate replaces the Certificate of Authority issued to the Company under its former name. The underwriting limitation of \$18,569,000 established for the Company as of July 1, 1999, remains unchanged until June 30, 2000.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30, each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the Company remains qualified (31 CFR, part 223). A list of qualified companies