

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 12572]****Diversity Visa Instructions for DV–2026; Correction****ACTION:** Notice of Diversity Visa Program for Fiscal Year 2026; Correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to Public Notice 12558 published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2024. The public notice contained an error on the start and end dates for the DV–2026 entry period.

DATES: The notice was effective on October 1, 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Correction**

1. In the public notice published on October 1, 2024, 89 FR 79997, page 79998 of the Entry Period paragraph of **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section lists October 4, 2023, as the start date and November 7, 2023, as the end date of the DV–2026 entry period. These dates are incorrect. The entry period for the DV–2026 Program begins on October 2, 2024, and ends on November 7, 2024. This section is corrected to read as follows:

Entry Period

Applicants must submit entries for the DV–2026 program electronically at dvprogram.state.gov between 12:00 p.m. (noon), Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT–4), Wednesday, October 2, 2024, and 12:00 p.m. (noon), Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT–5), Thursday, November 7, 2024. Do not wait until the last week of the registration period to enter as heavy demand may result in website delays. No late entries or paper entries will be accepted. The law allows only one entry per person during each entry period. The Department of State uses sophisticated technology to detect multiple entries. Submission of more than one entry for a person will disqualify all entries for that person.

2. The entry period dates listed on page 80001 in question 9 of the Frequently Asked Questions portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section incorrectly reflect the start and end dates of the DV–2026 entry period as Wednesday, October 4, 2023, and Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The correct dates are Wednesday, October 2, 2024, and Thursday, November 7, 2024. Question Nine is corrected to read as follows:

9. When can I submit my entry?

The DV–2026 entry period will run from 12:00 p.m. (noon), Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT–4), Wednesday, October 2, 2024, until 12:00 p.m. (noon), Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT–5), Thursday, November 7,

2024. Each year, millions of people submit entries. Restricting the entry period to these dates ensures selectees receive notification in a timely manner and gives both the visa applicants and our embassies and consulates time to prepare and complete cases for visa issuance.

We strongly encourage you to enter early during the registration period. Excessive demand at end of the registration period may slow the processing system. We cannot accept entries after noon EST on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

3. The entry period dates listed on page 80002 in question 19 of the Frequently Asked Questions portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section incorrectly reflect the end date of the DV–2026 entry period as November 7, 2023. The correct date is November 7, 2024. Question Nineteen is corrected to read as follows:

19. If the E–DV system rejects my entry, can I resubmit my entry?

Yes, you can resubmit your entry as long as your submission is completed by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT–5) on Thursday, November 7, 2024. You will not be penalized for submitting a duplicate entry if the E–DV system rejects your initial entry. Given the unpredictable nature of the internet, you may not receive the rejection notice immediately. You can try to submit an application as many times as is necessary until a complete application is received and the confirmation notice sent. Once you receive a confirmation notice, your entry is complete, and you should NOT submit any additional entries.

Julie M. Stuftt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council**

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee act meeting.

SUMMARY: The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC) will hold a meeting on November 18 and 19, 2024, regarding TVA’s natural resources and stewardship matters in the Tennessee Valley.

DATES: The meeting will be held in Young Harris, Georgia at Brasstown Valley, Monday, November 18, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. E.T. and Tuesday, November 19, 2023, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. E.T. RRSC council members are invited to attend the

meeting in person. The public is invited to view the meeting virtually or to attend in-person. A one hour virtual or in-person public listening session will be held November 18, at 4:15 p.m. E.T. A link and instructions to view the meeting will be posted on TVA’s RRSC website at www.tva.gov/rrsc at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

ADDRESSES: The public is invited to view the meeting virtually or attend in person. The in-person meeting will be held at the Brasstown Valley at 6321 Hwy. 76, Young Harris, GA 30582. Members of the public are also invited to speak either virtually or in person during a public listening session.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bekim Haliti, bhaliti@tva.gov, 931–349–1894.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RRSC is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

Day 1—November 18

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. RRSC and TVA Meeting Update
3. TVA and ORNL Climate Change Study
4. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update
5. Public Listening Session

Day 2—November 19

6. Welcome and Review of Day 1
7. Update on TVA’s River Management, Natural Resources, and Cultural Resources
8. Finalize Advice Statement

The RRSC will hear views of the public by providing a 1-hour public comment session starting November 18 at 4:15 p.m. E.T. Persons who wish to speak virtually must preregister by 5:00 p.m. E.T. Thursday, November 14, 2024, by emailing bhaliti@tva.gov. Persons wishing to speak in person are requested to register either at the door between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. ET on Monday, November 18, 2024, or in advance by emailing bhaliti@tva.gov. Persons registered will be called on during the public listening session to share their views for up to five minutes, depending on number of registrants. Written comments are also invited and may be emailed to bhaliti@tva.gov. Anyone needing special accommodations should let the contact below know at least one week in advance.

Dated: October 28, 2024.

Melanie Farrell,

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Tennessee Valley Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice supersedes a previously published notice on this topic. This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that it is appropriate to grant a non-availability Buy America waiver to the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for procurement and installation of 16 suspended explosive charge remote avalanche control systems (RACS), which contain non-domestic iron and steel components, along Mount Superior overlooking SR-210 in Little Cottonwood Canyon, Utah. The waiver relates specifically to iron and steel components that are part of the tower, deployment box, and charges of the RACS.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is October 23, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Brian Hogge, FHWA Office of Infrastructure, (202) 366-1562, or via email at Brian.Hogge@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. David Serody, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1345, or via email at David.Serody@dot.gov. Office hours for FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at: www.FederalRegister.gov and the U.S. Government Publishing Office's database at: www.GovInfo.gov.

Background

The FHWA's Buy America requirements for steel and iron are set forth at 23 U.S.C. 313 and 23 CFR 635.410 and require that all steel and iron that are permanently incorporated into a Federal-aid project must be produced in the United States unless a

waiver is granted, including predominantly steel and iron components of a manufactured product.¹ Under these requirements, all manufacturing processes, including the application of a coating, must occur in the United States.²

Under 23 U.S.C. 313(b)(2) and 23 CFR 635.410(c)(1)(ii), FHWA may waive the application of its Buy America requirement for steel and iron when products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality. This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that it is appropriate to grant UDOT a non-availability Buy America waiver for procurement of 16 suspended explosive charge RACS, which include non-domestic iron and steel components, for installation along Mount Superior overlooking SR-210 in Little Cottonwood Canyon, Utah. For each of the 16 RACS, this waiver will cover only: (i) the tower; (ii) the deployment box; and (iii) the charges (collectively "waiver items"). This waiver does not apply to the reinforced foundation of the RACS, which consists of anchor kits and a base plate; such foundation must be domestically sourced and compliant with FHWA's Buy America requirements. This notice supersedes the notice previously published on October 22, 2024, at 89 FR 84435.

Background on the Project: In 2020, the U.S. Army asked all members of the Avalanche Artillery Users of North America Committee to submit an exit plan for their use of military artillery. Currently, UDOT leases a P-Ridge howitzer from the U.S. Army to fire live artillery ammunition for avalanche control in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

¹ Under 23 U.S.C. 313, FHWA has a Buy America requirement for manufactured products; however, FHWA has a standing waiver under 23 U.S.C. 313(b), known as the Manufactured Products General Waiver, which covers manufactured products that are not predominantly steel and iron. See 48 FR 53099 (Nov. 25, 1983).

² While the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL)) (Pub. L. 117-58), sets out Buy America preferences for steel, iron, manufactured products, and construction materials, these preferences only apply to the extent that a domestic content procurement preference, as described in section 70914 of BABA, does not already apply to iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials. BIL section 70917(a)-(b). As FHWA has existing domestic content preferences for steel, iron, and manufactured products at 23 U.S.C. 313, the requirements under 23 U.S.C. 313 apply to steel, iron, and manufactured products instead of the requirements under BABA. As FHWA's existing Buy America requirement does not specifically cover construction materials, the Buy America preference under section 70914 of BABA applies for construction materials.

This is the only location in North America where live artillery is fired over inhabited buildings. The UDOT has committed to ending the use of the howitzer by 2025 and replacing it with RACS, which use remotely detonated explosives to mitigate avalanches and save lives. This project is to install 16 RACS using suspended explosive charges along SR-210 in Little Cottonwood Canyon to minimize safety concerns from the overhead fire of live artillery over inhabited structures.

Background on Waiver Request: The UDOT is part of the Transportation Avalanche Research Pool, which has identified three main types of RACS used in the United States: gas-delivered explosives, propelled explosive charges, and suspended explosive charges. The UDOT believes that the most appropriate products for this project based on the unique terrain in the deployment area are RACS that utilize suspended explosive charges. Prior to submitting a waiver request, UDOT identified only one domestic supplier of any type of RACS; however, that company uses gas-delivered explosives, and such a system is not viable for this project due to the extreme terrain, excessive rockfall, and extensive distance of the required gas line that would be needed to operate the system. The UDOT also used the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership Supplier Scouting service to seek out any domestic manufacturers of RACS, but no domestic alternatives were identified.

The UDOT thus requested a waiver for the tower, deployment box, and charges that are part of the RACS for 16 systems that will use suspended explosive charges.

In accordance with section 122 of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-42), section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244), and 23 U.S.C. 313(g), FHWA posted a notice of the waiver request on its website on April 10, 2024, soliciting public comment on the intent to issue a waiver of the waiver items for a 15-day period.³

Waiver Justification Summary

Comments to the Notice of Waiver Request: The FHWA received five comments in response to the notice of the waiver request. One commenter stated that FHWA's Buy America requirements are outdated and indicated that FHWA should grant the waiver.

³ <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=175>.