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Subject: Buy America Waiver for Minivans and Minivan Chassis

Program Area: Notice of Request

Date: August 7, 2012

The Vehicle Production Group LLC (VPG) has asked the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to rescind the Buy America non-availability waiver it issued on June 21, 2010, for minivans and minivan chassis. According to VPG, it manufactures minivans and minivan chassis that comply with all Buy America requirements under 49 CFR 661.11, including the final assembly requirement that was the subject of the June 2010 waiver. FTA seeks public comment before deciding whether to grant the request. If granted, the waiver would no longer apply; all minivans and minivan chassis purchased with federal funds would have to comply with the final assembly requirement of 49 CFR 661.11.

Comments must be received by September 4, 2012. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

Please submit your comments by one of the following means, identifying your submissions by docket number FTA-2012-0029:

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, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must make reference to the “Federal Transit Administration” and include docket number FTA-2012-0029. Due to the security procedures in effect since October 2011, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to delays. Parties making submissions responsive to this notice should consider using an express mail firm to ensure the prompt filing of any submissions not filed electronically or by hand.

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 Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.F. Krochalis".

R.F. Krochalis
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