Public Law 114–113 (FY 2016 Appropriations Act), continues the restriction on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) from using FY 2016 funds to implement, administer or enforce 49 CFR 18.36(c)(2) for construction hiring. Accordingly, FTA recipients and subrecipients do not need to submit applications for participation in the pilot program for contracts awarded or advertised on or before September 30, 2016.

Additionally, we note that Section 192 of the FY 2016 Appropriations Act expressly authorizes DOT-assisted contracts under titles 49 and 23 of the United States Code utilizing geographic, economic, or other hiring preferences not otherwise authorized by law if the grant recipient certifies the following:

1. That except with respect to apprentices or trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the work that the contract requires resides in the jurisdiction;
2. That the grant recipient will include appropriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that the contractor does not displace any of its existing employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference; and
3. That any increase in the cost of labor, training, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring preference does not delay or displace any transportation project in the applicable Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Improvement Program.

Accordingly, recipients and subrecipients should follow the application process described in the March 6, 2015, Federal Register notice (80 FR 12257) except that recipients and subrecipients must also include the required certifications from Section 192 of the FY 2016 Appropriations Act as discussed above.

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Anthony R. Foyx,
Secretary of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting—Correction (81 FR 10370)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee will be held on April 19–20, 2016, in Conference Room 730 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The Notice of Meeting appeared in the Federal Register on February 29, 2016 (81 FR 10370) on page 10370. The Notice of Meeting should have read: On April 19, the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. On April 20, the session will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at noon. This meeting is open to the public.

Interested parties should contact Mrs. Marcia Holt-Delaney, Program Analyst, Geriatrics and Extended Care Services (10P4G), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or via email at Marcia.Holt-Delaney@va.gov. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Holt-Delaney at (202) 461–6769.

Dated: March 14, 2016.

Jelessa Burney,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.