

determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the March 3, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 9971), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Grand Forks), to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by April 1, 2003.

There were five applicants for the Grand Forks Area: Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, and North Dakota, all currently designated official agencies; and Paul B. Bethke, Terry D. Pladson, and Ryan M. Kuhl proposing to do business as Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc. Grand Forks applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Jamestown, Minot, North Dakota, and Northern Plains, applied for all or part of the area currently assigned to Grand Forks.

GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for providing service in the Grand Forks area in the May 1, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 23279).

Comments were due by May 1, 2003. GIPSA received 40 comments by the due date. Grand Forks received 14 favorable comments, 13 from grain elevator managers and one from Grand Forks' owner; and one unfavorable comment from a grain elevator manager. Jamestown received six favorable comments from grain elevator managers. Minot received one favorable comment from a grain elevator manager. North Dakota received five favorable comments from elevator managers. Northern Plains received 12 favorable comments and one unfavorable comment from grain elevator managers.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to section 7(f)(1)(B), determined the following. Jamestown is better able to provide services in the southwestern portion of the Grand Forks area in North Dakota, as follows: the remainder of Wells and Eddy Counties in addition to the area they already serve. Minot is better able to provide services in the western portion of the Grand Forks area in North Dakota, as follows: the remainder of Bottineau County, in addition to the area they

already serve. North Dakota is better able to provide services in the southeastern portion of the Grand Forks area in North Dakota, as follows: the remainder of Traill County, in addition to the area they already serve. Northern Plains is better able to provide services in a portion of the Grand Forks area in North Dakota, as follows: Benson, Cavalier, Grand Forks, Nelson, Ramsey, Rolette, Pembina, Pierce (the eastern portion only), Towner, and Walsh Counties.

These designation actions to provide official inspection services are effective October 1, 2003, and run concurrent with the official agencies' present designations, in the geographic areas specified above in addition to any areas they are already designated to serve, if applicable. North Dakota's current designation ends March 31, 2005; Jamestown's current designation ends March 31, 2006; Minot's current designation ends June 30, 2006. Northern Plains is designated for 18 months only to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start-end
Jamestown .....	Jamestown, ND 701-252-1290 .....	04/01/2003-03/31/2006
Minot .....	Minot, ND 701-838-1734 .....	07/01/2003-06/30/2006
North Dakota .....	Fargo, ND 701-293-7420 .....	04/01/2002-03/31/2005
	Additional locations: Ayr, Enderlin, and Hillsboro, ND.	
Northern Plains .....	Grand Forks, ND 701-772-2414 .....	10/01/2003-03/31/2005
	Additional location: Devils Lake, ND.	

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 37-2003]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 82—Mobile, AL; Request for Manufacturing Authority, Bender Shipbuilding and Repair Company (Shipbuilding)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Mobile, Alabama, grantee of FTZ 82, pursuant to Section 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400), requesting authority

on behalf of Bender Shipbuilding and Repair Company (Bender) to construct and repair oceangoing vessels under FTZ procedures within FTZ 82. It was formally filed on July 29, 2003.

The Bender facility is used for the construction, repair, and conversion of commercial and military vessels for domestic and international customers. Foreign components that may be used at the shipyard (up to 20% of finished vessel value) include: plastic tubes/pipes/hoses/fittings/closures/cases/bags/crates, rubber mats/gaskets/o-rings/seals/dock fenders/knobs/dampeners, knotted rope/twine, glass fibers, articles of glass, steel mill products (must be admitted under privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41)), steel and iron pipe/tube/profiles/casings/fittings, bridges and bridge sections, roofing, siding, flooring, cooking appliances, hangers, copper and brass bar/rods/profiles, aluminum plate/sheet/strip/bar/profiles/tube/wire, articles of aluminum (bridge sections and structures, roofing,

guttering, siding, tanks, reservoirs, drums, cans, cable, frames, fasteners, hangers), metal hinges, pneumatic cylinders, door closers, pumps, air conditioners, fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, air cleaners, de/humidifiers, trash compactors, valves, transmissions and related parts, gears, flywheels, pulleys, propellers, transformers, converters, inductors, radar apparatus, television equipment, smoke detectors, alarms, indicator panels, printed circuits, electrical switches/relays/fuses/surge suppressors/connectors/terminals, generators, lamps, wiring harnesses, fiber optic cable, navigational equipment, thermostats, monostats, regulators, controllers, lamps, and lighting fixtures (2003 duty rates: free—14.3%).

FTZ procedures would exempt Bender from Customs duty payments on the foreign components (except steel mill products) used in export activity. On its domestic sales, the company