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Honorable Patty Murray
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
US Senate
130 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

In accordance with the requirement under Section 837 of Division A of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-115), the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) is pleased to respond to the request for Buy American Act information for Fiscal Year 2006.

Congress requires that within 180 days after the end of the fiscal year, the head of each Federal agency shall submit a report on the amount of the acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States in that fiscal year. In addition, our report shall separately indicate: 1) the dollar value of any articles, materials, or supplies purchased that were manufactured outside of the United States; 2) an itemized list of all waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials, or supplies under the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a et seq.); and 3) a summary of the total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured in the United States versus funds spent on goods manufactured outside of the United States.

OFHEO's response to questions 1-3 are as follows:

- 1) The dollar value of any articles, materials, or supplies purchased that were manufactured outside of the United States: OFHEO made no purchases of articles, materials, or supplies that were manufactured outside of the United States.
- 2) An itemized list of all waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials, or supplies under the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a et seq.): OFHEO granted no waivers.

3) Summary of the total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured in the United States versus funds spent on goods manufactured outside of the United States: Of the \$21,558,439 obligated and reported in the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation, 100 percent of the dollars spent by OFHEO on goods were manufactured in the United States.

In order to ensure that prospective contractors comply with the Buy American Act, solicitations and requests for quotes contain the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 52.225-1 "Buy American Act-Supplies" and 52.225-2 "Buy American Act Certificate".

Finally, in order to comply with the requirement of the Act to make our Buy American Act report publicly available to the maximum extent practicable, OFHEO will post this report on our external website (www.ofheo.gov).

Sincerely,

James B. Lockhart III

Director