

3.6.4-3 Buy American Act--Construction Materials (February 2003)

(a) The Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10) and Executive Order No. 10582, dated December 17, 1954, as amended, provide that the Government give preference to domestic construction material. The restrictions of the Buy American Act do not apply when the TSA determines use of a particular domestic construction material: (i) would unreasonably increase the cost; (ii) would be impracticable; or (iii) is not mined, produced, or manufactured in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.

(b) Definitions:

(1) "Components," as used in this clause, means those articles, materials, and supplies incorporated directly into construction materials.

(2) "Construction material," as used in this clause, means an article, material, or supply brought to the construction site for incorporation into the building or work. Construction material also includes an item brought to the site pre-assembled from articles, materials or supplies. However, emergency life safety systems, such as emergency lighting, fire alarm, and audio evacuation systems, which are discrete systems incorporated into a public building or work and which are produced as a complete system, shall be evaluated as a single and distinct construction material regardless of when or how the individual parts or components of such systems are delivered to the construction site.

(3) "Domestic construction material," as used in this clause, means (i) an unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States, or (ii) a construction material manufactured in the United States, if the cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 50 percent of the cost of all its components. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind as the construction materials determined to be unavailable shall be treated as domestic.

(c) The Contractor agrees that only domestic construction material will be used by the Contractor, subcontractors, material men, and suppliers in the performance of this contract, except for foreign construction materials, if any, listed in this contract.

(End of clause)

PRESCRIPTION

Shall be used in RFI/RFPs and construction contracts (in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 49101) except when the "Buy American Act---Construction Material under North American Free Trade Agreement" clause is used.