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Honorable Christopher "Kit" Bond
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the
Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Senate
274 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2503

Dear Chairman Bond:

In accordance with the requirement under Section 645 of Division F and Section 641 of Division H of Title VI of the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447), the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) is pleased to respond to the request for Buy American Act information for Fiscal Year 2005.

Congress requires that within 180 days of enactment of the Act, 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:** \$8,600,000.00, or 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Blumenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen A. Blumenthal
Acting Director