

"BUY AMERICA" Clause - HUD PIH 2009-31 (HA), 08/21/2009

The Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the Public Housing Authority and HUD that it understands the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with monies made available by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) (or are being made available for a project being funded with monies made available by the Recovery Act) and section 1605 of such law contains provisions commonly known as "Buy American." The Buy American requirement prohibits the use of Recovery Act funds on any project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States ("Buy American Requirement") including iron, steel, and manufactured goods provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of the PHA and HUD that (a) the Contractor has reviewed and understands the Buy American Requirement, (b) all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Buy American Requirement, unless an exception of the requirement is approved, and (c) the Contractor will provide any further verified information, certification or assurance of compliance with this paragraph, or information necessary to support an exception of the Buy American Requirement, as may be requested by the PHA or HUD.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any failure to comply with this paragraph by the Contractor shall permit the PHA to recover as damages against the Contractor any loss, expense or cost (including without limitation attorney's fees) incurred by the PHA resulting from any such failure (including without limitation any impairment or loss of funding, whether in whole or in part from HUD). Neither this paragraph (nor any provision of this Agreement necessary to give this paragraph force or effect) shall be amended or waived without the prior written consent of HUD.

The PHA may require one or more of the following items from a contractor or bidder:

1. Identification of American- made Iron, Steel, and Manufactured Goods: Consistent with the terms of the PHA's bid solicitation and the provisions of Section 1605 of the Recovery Act, the Bidder certifies that this bid reflects the Bidder's best, good faith effort to identify domestic sources of iron, steel, and manufactured goods for every component contained in the bid solicitation where such American-made components are available on the schedule and consistent with the deadlines prescribed in or required by the bid solicitation.
2. Verification of U.S. Production: The Bidder certifies that all components contained in the bid solicitation that are American- made have been so identified, and if this bid is accepted, the Bidder agrees that it will provide reasonable, sufficient, and timely verification to the PHA of the U.S. production of each component so identified.
3. Documentation Regarding Non-American- made Iron, Steel, or Manufactured Goods: The Bidder certifies that for any component or components that are not American-made and are so identified in this bid, the Bidder has included in or attached to this bid one or both of the following, as applicable:

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- a. Identification of and citation to a national (categorical) exception published by HUD (or another Federal agency) in the Federal Register that is applicable to such component or components, and an analysis that supports its applicability to the component or components;
 - b. Verifiable documentation sufficient to the PHA, as required in the bid solicitation or otherwise, that the Bidder has sought to secure American-made components but has determined that such components are not available on schedule and consistent with the deadlines prescribed in the bid solicitation, with assurance adequate from the Bidder under applicable conditions stated in the bid solicitation or otherwise.
4. Information and Detailed Justification Regarding Non-American-made Iron, Steel, or Manufactured Goods: The Bidder certifies that for any such component or components that are not so available, the Bidder has also provided in or attached to this bid information, including but not limited to the verifiable documentation and a full description of the bidder's efforts to secure any such American-made component or components, that the Bidder believes are sufficient to provide and as far as possible constitute the detailed justification required for an exception under section 1605 with respect to such component or components. The Bidder further agrees that, if this bid accepted, it will assist the PHA in amending, supplementing or further supporting such information as required by the PHA to request and, as applicable, implement the terms of an exception with respect to any such component or components.