

Domestic Preference Requirements Team American Iron and Steel (AIS) Build America, Buy America (BABA)

EPA, OMB's Made in America Office, & federal water infrastructure agencies seek information to advance domestic manufacturing of critical water infrastructure products

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a Request for Information (RFI) regarding products used in water infrastructure projects that receive federal financial assistance and are subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements. EPA, in partnership with the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Made in America Office and other federal agencies, is seeking information that will improve understanding of the current domestic supply of products used in drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects, and agricultural treatment and delivery systems.

EPA and other federal agencies that fund water infrastructure projects, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of the Interior, are interested in information detailing domestic materials sourcing, market readiness, product supply considerations, and whether specific products used in water infrastructure projects or their components are, or can be, manufactured in the United States. Information collected as part of this RFI will be shared between the listed federal agencies.

EPA is committed to advancing Made in America objectives and implementing Build America, Buy America requirements to support long-term investments in domestic production. Using information collected from this RFI, EPA will support efforts to catalyze domestic manufacturing and jobs and support resilient supply chains to successfully deliver a wide range of urgently needed water infrastructure products and projects.

Upcoming Webinar

EPA will be hosting a public webinar to provide an overview of the notice on November 21, 2023 at 1 p.m. ET. To register for the webinar please <u>visit here</u>. Additionally, EPA will be taking comments on the notice for 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Once published, submit your comments, at https://www.regulations.gov: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2023-0396. A pre-publication version of the RFI is available for **review here**.

About EPA's Domestic Preference Program

EPA's <u>Build America</u>, <u>Buy America</u> and <u>American Iron and Steel</u> programs support long-term investments in domestic production. Contact us at <u>baba-ow@epa.gov</u> and/or <u>srf ais@epa.gov</u>

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