

Section II.C., above, including the types of organizations and programs to consider and the attributes that should be considered.

- Additional approaches to providing support for small business education, training, and development.

- How businesses can be recognized under each method of certification.

- Whether classification (2) as discussed in II.A, above, should be based upon the Internal Revenue Service's use of gross receipts to determine reporting requirements for tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

- How to encourage small businesses considering participation in self-declaration of conformity to participate in third-party certification instead.

- Recommendations on the use of a limited conformity assessment process that would include an off-site document review without an accompanying on-site assessment. A limited conformity assessment process may potentially reduce some of the costs associated with conformity assessment.

- Recommendations on whether DHS should consider other methods of certification for the PS-Prep Program, and what those methods might entail.

- Recommendations on whether the use of this process should be associated with either self-declaration or third-party assessment, or both.

Authority: 6 U.S.C. 321m(b)(2)(D).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5374-N-19]

Buy American Exceptions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition

(CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, exceptions were granted to the New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority in New Smyrna Beach, FL for the purchase and installation of tankless water heaters for the Donnelly Homes, Greenlawn Terrace, Live Oaks Homes, and Enterprise Homes projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC, 20410-4000, telephone number 202-402-8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available by the Recovery Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB's implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on September 16, 2010, upon request of the New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority, HUD granted an exception to the Buy American requirement with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, based on the fact that the relevant manufactured goods, tankless water heaters, are not produced in the U.S. in

sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

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ACTION: Notice.

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