# LPA Buy America Requirements Non-Iron and Steel LPA-23-01

(to be added to all LPA jobs not using MODOT Spec and JSP 1801- Supplemental Revisions)

In addition to special provision LPA1808, the following requirements will also be in effect for this project.

**1.0 Description.** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was enacted on November 15, 2021. The BIL includes Build America, Buy America Act Publication L. No. 117-58. This provision expands the Buy America requirements beyond what is currently only required for steel and iron products. The steel and iron provisions have not changed with the new bill. Cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives are excluded from this requirement. All other materials and manufactured products permanently incorporated into the project will be subject to Buy America requirements. There are three categories requiring Buy America Certification:

1. Iron and steel – no changes to the current specification requirements.
2. Manufactured products – these are currently exempted under the 1983 waiver from FHWA.
3. Construction materials consisting primarily of:
   * Non-ferrous metals;
   * Plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite build materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables);
   * Glass (including optic glass);
   * Lumber; or
   * Drywall

**1.1** All products and or materials will only be classified under one of these categories and not under multiple categories. It is the prime contractor’s responsibility to assure all submittals required for Buy America are submitted to the Engineer prior to the products and or materials being incorporated in the job. The implementation of this policy will be in effect for all projects awarded after November 10, 2022.

**1.2** New items designated as construction materials under this requirement will require the prime contractor to submit a material of origin form certification prior to incorporation into the project. The Certificate of Material origin form [(link to certificate form](https://epg.modot.org/forms/CM/CERTIFICATE_OF_MATERIALS_ORIGIN_NONIRON_STEEL.pdf)) from the supplier and/or fabricator must show all steps of the manufacturing being completed in the United States. The Certificate of Material form shall be filed with the contract documents.

**1.3** Any minor miscellaneous construction material items that are not included in the materials specifications shall be certified by the prime contractor as being procured domestically. The certification shall read “I certify all materials permanently incorporated in this project covered under this provision have been to the best of my knowledge procured and all manufactured domestically.” The certification shall be signed by an authorized representative of the prime contractor.

**1.4** The National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) compliance program verifies that some non-iron and steel products fabrication processes conform to 23 CFR 635.410 Buy America Requirements and an acceptable standard per 23 CFR 635.410(d). NTPEP compliant suppliers will not be required to submit step certification documentation with the shipment for some selected non-iron and steel materials. The NTPEP compliant supplier shall maintain the step certification documentation on file and shall provide this documentation to the engineer upon request.

**2.0 Basis of Payment.** Any costs incurred by the contractor by reason of compliance with the above requirements shall be considered as included in and completely covered by the unit price bid for the various items of work included in the contract.