

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Buy America

The following clarifies the 2014 Edition of the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) Standard Specifications for Highway and Bridge Construction Section 106.12 - "Preference for Domestic Materials" which requires the Contractor to provide Materials that comply with the Buy America requirements in 23 CFR § 635.410.

Previous interpretations of the Buy America requirements allowed exclusions for certain steel and iron manufactured products that contained less than 90% steel or iron components. Previous interpretations also allowed exclusions for miscellaneous steel and iron components, subcomponents and hardware. These exclusions no longer apply.

Since these exclusions no longer apply, the Contractor shall provide certification proving that all steel or iron Materials were manufactured in the United States before performing Work that uses steel or iron Materials. Additionally, the Contractor shall provide certification that all coatings on the steel or iron Materials were applied in the United States. If these certifications are not provided, the NMDOT may take any remedies available under the Contract.

Other exclusions to the Buy America requirements remain in effect, including but not limited to, minimal use of foreign steel and iron Materials. The exclusion allows the Contractor to use foreign steel or iron Material that does not exceed one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the Total Bid Amount or that does not exceed \$2,500.00 whichever is greater. To comply with the minimal use exclusion, the Contractor shall provide to the NMDOT Project Manager invoices showing the cost of the foreign steel or iron Material that cannot be certified as delivered to the Project.