

**Addendum 1**  
**November 28, 2023**  
**South Jersey Port Corporation (SJPC)**  
**Request for Bids**

**SJPC 22-113 - Reach Stacker**

**NOTICE**

This Addendum is considered part of the Request for Bids and must be acknowledged with your submission.

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**CLARIFICATION TO THE SPECIFICATIONS**

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The Reach Stacker for this bid project is intended to be procured through a MARAD Marine Highway Grant. As such, there are “Build America, Buy America” requirements which are cited below:

**REQUIRED USE OF AMERICAN IRON, STEEL, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS, AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

This award term implements § 70914(a) of the Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, div. G, tit. IX, subtit. A, 135 Stat. 429, 1298 (2021) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-22-11, “Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure.”

Requirement to Use Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials Produced in the United States.

The Recipient shall not use funds provided under this award for a project for infrastructure unless:

- (1) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- (2) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product; and
- (3) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

*Inapplicability.*

The domestic content procurement preference in this award term only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does

not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project, but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

Waivers.

When necessary, the Recipient may apply for, and the USDOT may grant, a waiver from the domestic content procurement preference in this award term.

A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. The USDOT will provide instructions on the waiver process and on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Made in America Office.

When the USDOT has made a determination that one of the following exceptions applies, the awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which the USDOT determines that:

- (1) applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
- (2) the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or
- (3) the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described at <https://www.transportation.gov/office-policy/transportation-policy/made-in-america>.

## **Definitions**

“Construction materials” includes an article, material, or supply—other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives—that is or consists primarily of:

- non-ferrous metals;
- plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables);
- glass (including optic glass);
- lumber; or
- drywall.

“Domestic content procurement preference” means all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States; the manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States; or the construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.

“Primarily iron or steel” means that the cost of the iron and steel content in the article, material, or supply exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of all its components. The cost of iron and steel is the cost of the iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the product and a good faith estimate of the cost of iron or steel components. The origin of the elements of the iron or steel is not relevant to the determination of whether it is domestic or foreign.

“Project” means the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

### **Buy America.**

(a) For the purpose of the award term at exhibit B.5, the Project is “a project for infrastructure.” The Recipient acknowledges that iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the Project are subject to the domestic content procurement preference in that award term and this agreement is not a waiver of that preference.

(b) If the Recipient uses iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials that are not produced in the United States in violation of the award term at exhibit B.5, MARAD may disallow and deny reimbursement of costs incurred by the Recipient and take other remedial actions under article 17 and 2 C.F.R. 200.339–200.340.

(c) Under 2 C.F.R. 200.322, as appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the Recipient should, to the greatest extent practicable under this award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. The Recipient shall include the requirements of 2 C.F.R. 200.322 in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Transportation Exhibits to Marad Grant Agreements Under The Fiscal Year 2021 America’s Marine Highway Program Grants, July 6, 2022, Term B.5.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Transportation General Terms and Conditions Under The Fiscal Year 2021 America’s Marine Highway Program Grants, July 6, 2022, Article 19: Contracting and Subawards, 19.2 Buy America