

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION
9000-0024, BUY AMERICAN ACT CERTIFICATE**

A. Justification.

1. **Administrative requirements.** The Buy American Act requires that only domestic end products be acquired for public use unless there is an exception specifically authorized by statute or regulation, provided that the cost of the domestic products is reasonable. FAR provision 52.225-2, Buy American Act Certificate, as prescribed at 25.1101(a)(2), requires the offeror to certify that all end products are domestic end products, except for foreign end products listed in paragraph (b). For other than commercially available off-the-shelf items, components of unknown origin are considered to have been supplied from outside the United States.

2. **Uses of information.** The contracting officer uses the information to determine compliance with 41 U.S.C. chapter 83, Buy American.

3. **Consideration of information technology.** We use improved information technology to the maximum extent practicable. Where both the Government agency and contractors are capable of electronic interchange, the contractors may submit this information collection requirement electronically.

4. **Efforts to identify duplication.** This requirement is being issued under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) which has been developed to standardize Federal procurement practices and eliminate unnecessary duplication.

5. **If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other entities, describe methods used to minimize burden.** The burden applied to small businesses is the minimum consistent with applicable laws, executive orders, regulations and prudent business practices.

6. **Describe consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.** Collection of information on a basis other than solicitation-by-solicitation is not practical.

7. **Special circumstances for collection.** Collection is consistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. **Efforts to consult with persons outside the agency.** Under the procedures established for development of the FAR, agency and public comments were solicited and each comment addressed before finalization of the text. A notice published in the *Federal Register* at 76 FR 24027, on April 29, 2011, and one comment was received. The commenter supports the extension of this collection.

9. **Explanation of any decision to provide any payment of gift to respondents, other than reenumeration of contractors or guarantees.** Not applicable.

10. **Describe assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents.** This information is disclosed only to the extent consistent with prudent business practices and current regulations.

11. **Additional justification for questions of a sensitive nature.** No sensitive questions are involved.

12 & 13. **Estimated total annual public hour and cost burden.** Time required to read and prepare information is estimated at 10 minutes per response.

Estimated respondents/yr	3,125
Responses annually per respondent.	x 15
Total annual responses	46,875
Estimated hours per response	x .109
Estimated total burden hours	5,109
Estimated cost to public (\$24 + 75% OH)	\$56
Total cost to the public\$286,104

Estimated cost to the Government. Time required for Governmentwide review is estimated at 10 minutes per response.

Annual Reporting Burden and Cost

Reviewing time/hr1
Responses/yr.	x 46,875
Review time/yr.	4,688
Average wages/hr.	x \$42.24
Average wages/yr.	\$198,021

Benefits and overhead + 32.45%
Total Government cost \$262,279

15. Explain reasons for program changes or adjustments reported in Item 13 and 14. This submission requests an extension of OMB approval of information collection 9000-0024 in the FAR. This information collection requirement will collect information for the Buy American Act. The Balance of Payments Program is no longer covered in the FAR; therefore, this collection's annual burden hours have been decreased to reflect the elimination of the Balance of Payment Program.

16. Outline plans for published results of information collection. Results will not be tabulated or published.

17. Approval not to display expiration date. Not applicable.

18. Explanation of exception to certification statement. Not applicable.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods. Statistical methods are not used in this information collection.