

Build America, Buy America: Briefings for Recipients and Subrecipients

FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) is offering a series of **one-hour briefings** on the domestic preference requirements of the Buy America Build America Act (BABAA). The briefings will also cover best practices for documenting compliance with BABAA.

The BABAA requires all federal agencies, including FEMA, to ensure that no federal financial assistance for "infrastructure" projects is provided "unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States." [23 of FEMA's financial assistance programs](#) are now subject to the BABAA requirements. These requirements only apply to awards or funds obligated on or after January 2, 2023, and do not apply to awards or funds obligated during the waiver period that was from July 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023.

Not all FEMA financial assistance programs are subject to BABAA. Most disaster financial assistance programs are not subject to BABAA requirements, including the Public Assistance (PA), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Individual Assistance (IA), and Fire Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMAG) programs. For a list of FEMA financial assistance programs **not** subject to BABAA please visit [Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov](#).

Briefing Objectives

The BABAA briefings will:

- Review the BABAA requirements and their applicability to FEMA financial assistance programs and projects.
- Review the requirement for a contract clause and self-certification of compliance with BABAA, including suggested language. The briefings will also cover a recommended practice to request a manufacturer certification, including sample language.
- Describe FEMA's waiver authority and waiver types and go over the elements for a waiver request and the process for requesting waivers of the BABAA requirements.
- Provide additional resources.

Target Audience

These briefings are appropriate for all FEMA award recipients and subrecipients under [FEMA financial assistance programs subject to BABAA](#).

Delivery Format

Online briefing through Adobe Connect. If you have never used this platform, please [test your connection in advance here](#). Briefing dates and access information are provided below in the Briefing Schedule. To register for any of the briefings listed below, please select "register here" for the day of briefing you would like to attend. There is no limit to the number of participants in each briefing.

Briefings Schedule

Briefing Date	Name of Briefing	Time	Briefing Link	Telephone Conference Code
1/12/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	11:00 AM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
1/18/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	3:00 PM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
1/25/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	1:00 PM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
2/1/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	11:00 AM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
2/8/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	3:00 PM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
2/15/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	1:00 PM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
2/22/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	11:00 AM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
3/1/2023	Documenting Compliance with BABAA	3:00 PM (EST)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#

Other Resources You Can Explore

- [FEMA “Buy America” Preference Website](#)
- [FEMA Interim Policy: Buy America Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure](#)
- [FEMA BABAA Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Office of Management and Budget: Made in America Office](#)
- Build America, Buy America Factsheet and FAQs for Award Recipients (whitehouse.gov)

For additional information and trainings on BABAA, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/buy-america>.