



## **How to Submit a Public Comment on a DOE Buy America Waiver Request**

The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requires that DOE make a proposed waiver available for a 15-calendar day public comment period before a waiver is issued. DOE will consider public comments received during the 15-calendar day period in its evaluation of a waiver request.

In particular, DOE welcomes comments on the scope of the requested waiver to include the items, length of time, and/or purpose to allow DOE to make an informed final determination on those aspects of the waiver.

DOE may reach out to you for more details or information in its review of your comment.

### **HOW TO SUBMIT A COMMENT**

DOE posts all waiver requests that meet the legal and policy requirements of BABA on the DOE Buy America Requirement Waiver Requests webpage. When a waiver request is posted, the public has 15-calendar days to review the waiver and submit comments.

DOE will consider public comments received during the 15-calendar day comment period in its evaluation of a waiver request; any comments received after this period will not be considered.

To comment on a waiver, go to the [DOE Buy America Requirement Waiver Requests](#) webpage and find the WAIVER NUMBER for the waiver on which you would like to comment. Every waiver listed on the page will have a status showing where it is in the review process. Waivers that are eligible for public comments will be identified as "Open" in the WAIVER STATUS column. DOE will not review public comments sent on waivers in any other status.

Public comments must be sent to DOE via email to [BABAWaiver@hq.doe.gov](mailto:BABAWaiver@hq.doe.gov), and the WAIVER NUMBER must be in the email subject line. If you do not include the correct WAIVER NUMBER in the subject line, DOE cannot guarantee your comment will be recorded correctly and used in its evaluation of the waiver request.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT USE**

DOE will review all public comments submitted within the 15-calendar day public comment period and will use the information provided by the public comments in its evaluation of waiver requests. DOE's evaluation of each waiver request and a summary of public comments received will be provided to the [Made in America Office](#) at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment prior to DOE's final decision to approve or disapprove a waiver request. Public comments received by DOE may be publicized on [the DOE Buy America Requirement Waiver Request webpage](#) upon final disposition of the waiver request.

