

ATTACHMENT 14 — BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION

IFB #2026-001 — Aerial and Underground Fiber Optic Network Construction vpnet — ReConnect Program Round 4

Background

This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, Sections 70901–70953, and implemented through 2 CFR Part 184. All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this federally funded infrastructure project must be produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been approved in writing by USDA prior to procurement or installation.

Proposer Certification

I, the undersigned authorized representative of the organization identified below, hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that:

14.1 The Proposer has reviewed the Build America, Buy America requirements applicable to this project under 2 CFR Part 184 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and understands that these requirements are separate from and in addition to the RUS Buy American requirements under 7 CFR Part 1787.

14.2 The Proposer has reviewed the material specifications for this project and has made reasonable inquiry into the domestic availability of all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials proposed for use on this project.

14.3 To the best of the Proposer's knowledge and belief, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials that the Proposer proposes to incorporate into the project comply with the applicable BABA domestic content standards under 2 CFR Part 184, except for the following items for which the Proposer anticipates that a BABA waiver may be necessary:

(If no waiver is anticipated, state "None." If a waiver may be needed, list the material, the reason a waiver may be needed, and the applicable waiver category.)

Material	Reason Waiver May Be Needed	Waiver Category

14.4 The Proposer acknowledges that any BABA waiver must be requested by vpnet and approved in writing by USDA prior to the procurement or installation of non-compliant materials, and that materials incorporated into the project without an approved waiver and without meeting BABA requirements may be deemed ineligible for reimbursement with award funds.

14.5 If selected, the Proposer agrees to:

- Submit a complete BABA Material Compliance Schedule and manufacturer certifications prior to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed, as required under Section 6.4.7A.5 of the IFB.
- Maintain BABA compliance documentation throughout construction as required under Section 6.4.7A.6
- Provide a final BABA Compliance Certification and complete documentation package at contract closeout as required under Section 6.4.7A.7
- Include BABA flow-down provisions in all subcontracts and purchase orders involving materials subject to BABA requirements, as required under Section 6.4.7A.8

14.6 The Proposer understands that submission of a false certification under this Attachment may subject the Proposer to civil and criminal penalties under applicable federal law, including but not limited to the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–3733).

Field	Response
Authorized Signature	
Printed Name	
Title	
Organization	
SAM.gov UEI Number	
Date	