



GE Lighting

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Re: DOE Categorical Waivers under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act for Certain Ballasts, LED Traffic Signals, and Compact Fluorescent Lighting

GE would like to share with you important information about certain GE Lighting products and the “Buy American” provisions of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (“ARRA” or the “Recovery Act”). We hope that this information will be useful to you as you pursue opportunities financed with Recovery Act funds.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a “determination of inapplicability” for certain lighting products, because the products are not produced or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities. As a result, the following products are not subject to the Buy American provision of the Recovery Act for projects under the DOE’s Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program:

- LED traffic lights, arrows, and crosswalk signals
- Fluorescent electronic lighting ballasts (with the exception of electronic dimming ballasts for fluorescent lamps that are capable of operating the lamps below 50% of their rated light output); and
- Screw-base and pin-base compact fluorescent lamps (with the exception of plug-in CFLs longer than 10 inches)

Although these product category waivers are specific to projects under the DOE’s Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program, the waivers may be useful in seeking project or category waivers from other agencies conducting programs and projects under the Recovery Act.

We would be happy to discuss with you the applicability of the Recovery Act to a particular project potentially using a GE lighting product. Please feel free to contact your GE sales manager who will follow up with the appropriate personnel to provide whatever assistance we can.

Please note that the waiver discussed above only addresses the Buy American provisions of the Recovery Act. If other U.S.-preference requirements are included in a government funded project agreement, please contact us with the specific requirements so we may assist you in identifying compliant approaches to satisfying those requirements. Finally, it’s important to note that the Recovery Act is complex and subject to change by the government at any time.

We look forward to strengthening our relationship with you during this historic time. If you have additional questions surrounding government projects, visit www.gelighting.com/govt for a complete listing of GE solutions or to have a Government Specialist contact you.

Best regards,

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