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SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
SOURCE OF STEEL AND IRON (BUY AMERICA)

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Delete subsection 105.10, on page 53 of the 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction, in its entirety and replace with the following:

105.10. Source of Steel and Iron. Provide steel and iron materials and products for permanent incorporation into the work that were produced only in the United States per Title 23 of the Federal Code of Regulations (CFR) Section 635.410, Buy America Requirements.

All steel and iron products and manufacturing processes of the steel and iron material in a product, including but not limited to the following steps; smelting, melting, rolling, extruding, machining, bending, grinding, drilling, welding, galvanizing, and coating, must occur within the United States.

Examples of products that are subject to Buy America coverage include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Steel or iron products used in pavements, bridges, tunnels or other structures, which include, but are not limited to, the following: fabricated structural steel, reinforcing steel, piling, high strength bolts, anchor bolts, dowel bars, permanently incorporated sheet piling, bridge bearings, cable wire/strand, pre-stressing/post-tensioning wire, motor/machinery brakes and other equipment for moveable structures.
- B. Guardrail, guardrail posts, end sections, terminals, cable guardrail.
- C. Steel fencing material, fence posts.
- D. Steel or iron pipe, conduit, grates, manhole covers, risers.
- E. Mast arms, poles, standards, trusses, supporting structural members for signs, luminaires, or traffic control systems.
- F. Steel or iron components of precast concrete products, such as reinforcing steel, wire mesh and pre-stressing or post-tensioning strands or cables.

The miscellaneous steel or iron components, subcomponents and hardware necessary to encase, assemble and construct the above components (or manufactured products that are not predominantly (90 percent) steel or iron) are not subject to Buy America coverage. Examples include, but are not limited to, cabinets, covers, shelves, clamps, fittings, sleeves, washers, bolts, nuts, screws, tie wire, spacers, chairs, lifting hooks, faucets, door hinges, etc.

Provide step certification for all steel and iron related pay items, materials, products, and components as specified on the Department website. The Department will maintain a list of these pay items, materials, products, and/or components on the following website.

http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9622_11044_11367---,00.html

Step certification is defined as the certification by the respective manufacturer or fabricator for their specific process (step) that the product, material, or component was fabricated, manufactured, and/or processed in the United States. The step certification documentation for these pre-defined pay items, materials, products, and/or components is to be submitted to the Engineer in a package covering each step prior to delivery or concurrent with material delivery on-site. Approved certification is required prior to incorporation of the materials into the project.

Buy America certification documentation for products and materials designated as fully compliant with the Buy America requirements on the Qualified Products List (QPL), Approved Manufacturers, and Tested Stock Suppliers Lists will be maintained by the MDOT Construction Field Services (CFS) Division. Buy America certification for these fully compliant items does not need to be submitted by the Contractor, but a bill of lading, product label, or shipping record to document that the products are from the respective source is to be provided to the Engineer. Buy America certification documentation for items that are partially compliant will be required to be submitted prior to delivery or concurrent with material delivery and prior to incorporation, noting the value of foreign steel/iron. The use of the Department maintained Buy America lists and notations does not relieve the Contractor from responsibility of ensuring Buy America compliance. The Contractor is ultimately responsible for Buy America compliance.

The Buy America lists maintained by the Department are solely for the benefit of the Department and may not be relied upon by the Contractor. The Contractor is solely responsible for the Buy America requirements for steel and iron as set forth in the CFR.

The above requirements do not preclude a minimal use of foreign steel and iron, provided the total invoice cost of foreign material permanently incorporated into the project does not exceed 0.1 percent of the total contract amount or \$2,500 whichever is greater. The Department defines the total invoice cost as the total value of the foreign steel and iron materials delivered to the project. The Department defines the total contract amount to be the total of the contract unit prices for items of road work and bridge work, any adjustments as provided for in the contract, and any assessment of incentive, disincentive or liquidated damages as provided for in the contract.

MDOT/Consultant fabrication facility inspectors are not responsible for approving the incorporation of foreign steel/iron prior to fabrication. It is the responsibility of the fabricator to notify and coordinate with the Contractor for all potential inclusion of foreign steel/iron in fabricated products.

For each item subject to meeting Buy America requirements the following documentation must be provided by the Contractor to verify this value and placed in the project files to ensure that the threshold is not exceeded:

- Pay Item,
- Description of associated foreign steel/iron material, product, or component,
- Cost of associated foreign steel/iron material, product or component, and
- Cumulative list of all non-compliant Buy America items with the total dollar amount.

The minimal use of foreign steel/iron under the minimal usage amount will be approved by the Engineer. The use of foreign steel/iron under the minimal usage amount does not need to be approved by the FHWA. This amount is not considered a waiver to the Buy America requirements. The Contractor must ensure that the minimal usage amount is not exceeded.