HI Jack, your correct, it applies to the federal government not states (recipients) or sub recipients , with a few exceptions as noted below.  Please keep this email for your file. I’ve also cc’d FEMA legal counsel , Catlin O’Halloran, in case she would like to comment.

**---EMAIL FROM FEMA REGARDING BUY AMERICAN ACTS and FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) PROJECTS---retain for your records--**

**From:** Hill, Michael C   
**Sent:** Friday, January 18, 2013 7:39 AM  
**To:** Yandle, Denise; Hildebrand, Rachel  
**Cc:** Sislen, Rita  
**Subject:** FW: RE: Buy American Act and Buy America Act

Denise,

Please see below the advice from HQ on the Buy American Acts.  Short answer, it applies to the Federal Government not to grantees.

Thanks

Mike

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**From:** Yoo, Philip   
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2013 4:13 PM  
**To:** Hill, Michael C  
**Cc:** Hazel, Kim  
**Subject:** RE: RE: Buy American Act and Buy America Act

Hey Mike,

**The Buy American Act (BAA) generally does not apply to the PA grants.**  FEMA does not mandate BAA obligations.  The BAA primarily applies only to contracts dealing with the public buildings or works used or owned by the Federal Government, not grantees.  However, the BAA lists exceptions to this general rule, which include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands (41 U.S.C. § 8301(1)).  So, any of the listed exceptions receive Federal funds from the Federal Government, they will be classified as a grantee and, like the Federal Government, must comply with the BAA.

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**From:** Yoo, Philip   
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2013 3:21 PM  
**To:** Hill, Michael C  
**Cc:** Hazel, Kim  
**Subject:** RE: Buy American Act and Buy America Act

Hey Mike,

I am currently looking into the applicability of the Buy American Act for PA projects.  I will respond to you after I research the topic.

**Philip Yoo**

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**Subject:** RE: Buy American

Jack,

Sorry, but I do not understand your answer below.  Are we able to buy Foreign steel for this project?

Stan

**From:** Jack Akin, EMC-Engineers/Scientists, LLC [<mailto:emc@emcengineersscientists.com>]   
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**Subject:** RE: Buy American

My understanding is that the Buy American clause only pertains to inter governmental contracts.

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**Cc:** [Kronsteiner, David](mailto:dkronsteiner@westcoastcontractors.com)  
**Subject:** RE: whoops

Jack,

Since you received additional funding for the project, is the funding agency Federal or State?  If it’s Federal then is there a Buy American or Buy America, which one is it?