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**Build America Buy America Act Final Nonavailability Waiver
Floyd County Medical Center
Clinic & Hospital Expansion
Fire Alarm System**

1. Summary

Agency: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Waiver: The United States Department of Agriculture is proposing a nonavailability waiver of the manufactured product requirements of Section 70914 of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117- 58) for a Fire Alarm System for use at the Floyd County Medical Center Clinic & Hospital Expansion project in Charles City, IA.

Applicability: This waiver action permits the use of a non-domestic Fire Alarm System in the Floyd County Medical Center project. This product will be obtained by Floyd County Medical Center and incorporated into the subject project, prior to the expiration date of the waiver.

Waiver Type: Nonavailability waiver of the BABA manufactured product requirements for a Fire Alarm System.

Summary of Items Covered in Waiver: Fire Alarm System

Waiver Justification Summary: Products have been specified to integrate into the existing non-compliant fire alarm system. Integrating a new distinct system would necessitate a redesign of the alarm system, and a majority of that new system would still be non-compliant.

Length of the Waiver: This waiver will be in effect upon approval and will remain in effect until April 30, 2026, the estimated remainder of the project's construction schedule.

2. Background

The Buy America Preference set forth in section 70914 of the Build America, Buy America Act included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58), requires all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used for infrastructure projects under Federal financial assistance awards be produced in the United States.

Under section 70914(b), the Agency may waive the application of the Buy America Preference, in any case in which it finds that: applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest; types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%. All waivers must have a written explanation for the proposed determination; provide a period of not less than 15 days for public comment on the waiver; and submit the waiver to the Office of Management and Budget Made in America Office for review to determine if the waiver is consistent with policy.

Fire Alarm System

The project includes (1) complete fully-integrated Fire Alarm System.

3. Description of Award

Title of Project: Floyd County Medical Center Clinic & Hospital Expansion

Infrastructure Project Description and Location: This project includes a 3 story addition to the existing hospital as well as renovation of an existing clinic space and public corridors. The addition includes a finished basement with mechanical space and training rooms, clinic space on all 3 levels, a new check-in desk and registration spaces, and a new pharmacy space. The project also includes the remodel of an existing clinic space for an upgraded speech and occupational therapy, added laboratory space, and new finishes for the public corridors.

Description of Project: The Floyd County Medical Center Clinic & Hospital Expansion project is new construction of a clinic facility and expansion of the existing hospital on a new site already owned by the hospital. The project will allow Floyd County Medical Center to improve the ratio of primary care providers to citizens of Floyd County by increasing the number of providers and expanding clinic space as it relates to safety, privacy, accessibility, energy efficiency, and infection control.

Recipient Name: Floyd County Medical Center

Unique Entry Identifier (UEI): NM7YLLHNVBL8

Federal Financial Assistance Program: Community Facilities Direct Loans & Grants

Federal Financial Assistance Funding Amount: \$24,500,000.00

4. Description of Covered Items

Manufactured Products: The waiver grants an exception to the Buy America requirements for the following manufactured products:

Qty: One (1) complete Fire Alarm System composed of the following components:

Quantity	Product	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1	ES-PS Master Control Center	\$11,338.79	\$11,338.79
1	Indicator Only 3 Bay Glass	\$1.00	\$1.00
1	Factory Built-Main Configured	\$1.00	\$1.00
1	Expansion Bay	\$2,012.38	\$2,012.38
2	ES-XPS Power Supply	\$3,142.37	\$6,284.74
1	CS Gateway Comm, Side Mount	\$1,628.59	\$1,628.59
1	ESNET Network Interface Card Slot	\$5,590.25	\$5,590.25
3	IDNAC Card	\$1,030.20	\$3,090.60
1	Master Control IDNET2	\$0.10	\$0.10
1	ES Net SM Fiber Media Card	\$3,692.62	\$3,692.62
3	120V ES-PS PDF Harness	\$141.09	\$423.27
2	SKU #4100-7910	\$3,277.80	\$6,555.60
1	Power Distribution Module 120V	\$505.02	\$505.02
2	ES-PS Fan Module	\$258.23	\$516.46
8	2 Blank Display Module	\$12.80	\$102.40
1	8-Slot Exp Bay Filler Panel	\$52.53	\$52.53
1	3-Bay BB/GDoor/Dress Panel Platform	\$4,810.73	\$4,810.73
2	Battery, 50AH	\$1,415.48	\$2,830.96
1	Battery Shelf	\$357.36	\$357.36
46	Photo Sensor	\$210.77	\$9,695.42
42	Sensor Base	\$127.96	\$5,374.32
4	CO Sensor Base Extended Life	\$897.68	\$3,590.72
17	Duct Sensor Housing, 4-Wire	\$1,525.64	\$25,935.88
17	Remote Test Station	\$130.51	\$2,218.67
13	Supervised IAM	\$201.96	\$2,625.48
13	Cover-Address Module Surface	\$71.64	\$931.32
13	Bracket, IAM	\$59.11	\$768.43
5	Relay IAM	\$544.30	\$2,721.50

5	Cover-Address Module Surface	\$100.44	\$502.20
5	Station-LED, DA Push Address	\$422.55	\$2,112.75
6	AV Cover Wall White	\$32.53	\$195.18
29	VO Cover Wall White	\$32.17	\$932.93
1	AV Appliance Only Wall	\$450.72	\$450.72
1	AV Cover Wall Red	\$103.80	\$103.80
33	Mounting Plate AVVOAO	\$58.88	\$1,943.04
1	WP Backbox AV OR VO Wall	\$126.60	\$126.60
64	AV Cover, Ceiling	\$41.52	\$2,657.28
86	VO Cover Ceiling	\$33.26	\$2,860.36
1	LCD Annunciator BA	\$2,243.81	\$2,243.81
6	AV APPL Only Wall	\$484.88	\$2,909.28
29	VO APPL Only Wall	\$428.46	\$12,425.34
64	AV APPL Only Ceiling BA	\$677.61	\$43,367.04
86	VO APPL Only Ceiling BA	\$563.53	\$48,463.58
17	EOL 6.8k 1/2W	\$20.24	\$344.08
17	Sampling Tube 24", Plastic	\$21.18	\$360.06
4	Sampling Tube 97"	\$67.31	\$269.24
1	Relay DPDT w/LED	\$136.96	\$136.96
1	4100U TSD Upgrade w/ES MCNTRLR	\$13,252.07	\$13,252.07
1	ES Net SM Fiber Media Card	\$3,692.62	\$3,692.62
1	ES Net Network Interface Card Slot	\$5,590.25	\$5,590.25
1	120V Hybrid Surge Protector	\$242.98	\$242.98
Total			\$248,838.31

- Countries of Origin: Mexico, Canada

5. Waiver Justification Summary

Anticipated Impact if No Waiver is Issued: Products have been specified to integrate into existing fire alarm system.

Description of Efforts Made to Identify Domestic Products: USDA conducted market research to determine if there are domestic manufacturers that can produce or supply the needed type of Fire Alarm System. USDA contacted multiple manufacturers for product availability. All the manufacturers contacted either confirmed they cannot manufacture all required products in the system to meet the project specifications, did not respond to inquiries, or their products are not BABAA-compliant. Thus, they are not a viable option for this project, given that the project has no approved equals for this product.

Assessment of Cost Advantage of a Foreign-Sourced Product: Under OMB M-24-02, agencies are expected to assess "whether a significant portion of any cost advantage of a foreign-sourced product is the result of the use of dumped steel, iron, or manufactured products or the use of injuriously subsidized steel,

iron, or manufactured products” as appropriate before granting a public interest waiver. USDA’s analysis has concluded that this assessment is not applicable to this waiver as this waiver is not based on the cost of foreign-sourced products.

Solicitation for Comments: The proposed waiver was posted on USDA’s public facing webpage during the period of December 5, 2025 to December 20, 2025 and a notice of the proposed waiver was also be posted to the Made in America website, to satisfy the requirement to publish any Build America, Buy America Act Project Waiver and provide the public with fifteen (15) days to submit comments. No comments were received from the public, and therefore no substantive changes were made in response.