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## **Build America, Buy America Act Customer Guide Now Online**

Rural Development Build America, Buy America Implementation Waiver Expired Feb. 3,

WASHINGTON, March 1, 2023 – USDA Rural Development (RD) today published a Build America, Buy America (BABAA) Customer Guide to help organizations receiving RD financial assistance comply with BABAA and its requirements for their projects. The guide will help people determine if their project is subject to BABAA and explain how to document compliance.

RD's implementation waiver for BABAA expired Feb. 3, 2023. All non-Federal organizations receiving RD financial assistance for infrastructure projects are now required to exclusively use iron, steel, manufactured products and construction materials manufactured in the United States. The Build America, Buy America Act was enacted on Nov. 15, 2021, as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

For more information, go to Build America, Buy America Act | Rural Development (usda.gov) or email USDA-RD BABAA Inquiries for assistance. USDA also will publish a Spanish language version of the BABAA Customer Guide.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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