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Subject: Delta Regional Authority's Report on Use of Made in America Laws

This letter is submitted as Delta Regional Authority's fulfillment of the requirements of federal agencies outlined in M-22-09, SUBJECT: Report on Use of Made in America Laws.

Section 11 Report on Use of Made in America Laws

(a) DRA's implementation of, and compliance with, Made in America Laws;

Dr. Corey Wiggins, was confirmed by the U. S. Senate on or about March 9, 2022 and sworn into office on March 11, 2022 as the Federal Co-Chair of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). As part of his transition into office, he immediately began conducting an assessment of administration, fiscal management, programs, and legal compliance of DRA. The initial assessment has revealed that many of the Executive Orders and Office of Management and Budget Memorandum which were issued in the early days of the Biden-Harris Administration had not been adhered to in the absence of an appointed Federal Co-Chair and without the benefit of the continuity of an Executive Director or Chief of Staff. Federal Co-Chairman Wiggins has in no way willfully failed to comply with the U. S. Code, Executive Orders nor with OMB Guidance and is working feverishly to implement policies and protocols which bring DRA into compliance with all requirements of Made in America Laws.

- (b) Delta Regional Authority, to the Federal Co-Chair's knowledge has not implemented, requested, nor issued any ongoing use of any longstanding or nationwide waivers of any Made in America Laws.
- (c) Delta Regional Authority DRA is working to implement data supported prioritization of economic development programs which would help develop

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recommendations for how to further effectuate the policy set forth in section 1 of Executive Order on Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers dated January 21, 2022.

Sec. 12. Bi-Annual Report on Made in America Laws.

- (a) Delta Regional Authority DRA is working to implement data supported prioritization of economic development programs which would help recommendations for how to further effectuate the policy set forth in section 1 of this order and ongoing implementation of, and compliance with, Made in America Laws. To effectuate this policy DRA has updated its State's Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) Manual to ensure grantees are aware of the Buy America, Build America requirements of M-22-11, Subject: Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure. Additionally, DRA is undertaking a comprehensive review of its policies and program criteria for its program application process to more broadly support program applicants and local development districts understand and comply with the Buy America, Build America and Made in America Laws.
- (b) DRA is not aware of the issuance of any waivers. Therefore, DRA has not conducted analysis of goods, products, materials, and services not subject to Made in America Laws or where requirements of the Made in America Laws have been waived;
- (c) DRA is not aware of the issuance of any waivers and therefore has not conducted analysis of spending as a result of waivers issued pursuant to the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 2511, separated by country of origin; and
- (d) ) Delta Regional Authority DRA is working to implement data supported prioritization of economic development programs which would help develop recommendations for how to further effectuate the policy set forth in section 1 of this order.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Riley Collins, Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of the Federal Co-Chair via email <u>jriley-collins@dra.gov</u> or by calling (601) 937-4384.

Respectfully submitted,

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