

A.R.R.A. and the Buy America Act - 2009

Precision Architectural Lighting (P.A.L.) is a Houston, Texas - based lighting manufacturer. At P.A.L. we have made it our commitment to manufacture in the U.S., and to use U.S. made components whenever possible. Listed below are the government acts/initiatives that require U.S. made products, and how P.A.L. luminaires meet those requirements.

A.R.R.A. – American Recovery and Re-Investment Act Buy American Provision (ARRA Section 1605):

This provision applies to Federal Government jobs funded by stimulus monies. It states that all manufactured goods for said projects must be produced in the United States. Components and sub-components are not required to be of U.S. origin, provided the final manufactured good is produced within the United States. (Since the word “produced” has not been defined for purposes of the ARRA Buy American provision, the “substantial transformation” test is often used to determine if an article is produced in the U.S.) Substantial Transformation occurs when the manufacturing process results in a new and different article of commerce.

All P.A.L. products are substantially transformed in Houston, Texas and thus meet the requirements of this provision.

Buy America Act (US Code, Title 41, Section 10 A-D) (*F.A.R. 52.225-9 - Construction Materials Clause)

This act applies to all Federal Government Agency purchases that are **not** funded by stimulus monies. It requires that U.S. made products be preferred for government purchases. This section has been revised by the “**F.A.R. 52.225-9 Buy America Act - Construction Materials Clause**” to read as: Here “U.S. made products” are defined as those that contain more than 55% of U.S. domestic materials (by component cost), and the end product is assembled in the United States.

All P.A.L. products meet the revised requirements of the Buy America Act.

Buy America Act (US Code, Title 49, Section 5323(j))

This section of the Buy America Act applies only to grants issued by the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration for transit-related projects. It is similar in its requirements to the Buy America Act listed above.

All P.A.L. products meet the requirements of this section of the Buy America Act.