



## OFFICE OF PUBLIC & INDIAN HOUSING

February 21, 2024

Dear Executive Director,

I know there's been a lot of discussion about challenges of implementing the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act. Broad application of BABA to the public housing program will start when PIH obligates new funding on or after February 22, 2024. At this time, BABA will only apply to purchases of iron and steel products not included in maintenance projects.

Because we respect your experience and value your advice, I want to highlight the Department's **recently posted [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#)** designed to get further information about the specific challenges PHAs will face in implementing BABA.

I also want to invite you to attend the **BABA RFI webinar tomorrow, Thursday, February, 22 at 1:00pm EST** to review the major components of the RFI and respond to anticipated questions. No registration is required; you may join the webinar, [using this link](#).

The RFI poses questions about what materials and products PHAs will routinely need, but that may be hard to find as American made. In addition, the RFI gives PHAs and other PIH stakeholders the ability to comment on more general challenges posed by BABA.

The Department will use the information to develop policies and procedures related to BABA. There is also a possibility that the information may prompt the Department to seek additional waivers.

I am asking for input from you, the folks who will be most directly involved in the implementation. I strongly encourage PHAs and other stakeholders involved in the public housing program to take the time to thoughtfully respond to this RFI.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard J. Monocchio".

Richard J. Monocchio  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

We hope you enjoy receiving these messages from HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing.

Public Housing Agency contact information is retrieved from HUD's Public Housing Information Center (PIC). If your agency's contact information is out of date, please update PIC with the correct contact information. We update our email lists from PIC twice a month, so you should see your change reflected after two weeks.

Thank you for furthering HUD's mission in the communities you serve.