

Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Lunch & Learn Webinar Schedule: April – August 2024

FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) is offering a series of **30-minute training webinars** on the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA), a part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). These virtual trainings will be facilitated by GPD's Buy America Branch (BAB) and offered on various dates from April through August 2024. The trainings will cover a variety of topics related to BABAA, including roles and responsibilities, best practices, covered products, and waivers. The various training descriptions are below:

- **Background on BABAA - Roles and Responsibilities** – Discusses BABAA basics and its applicability to FEMA funded projects, and compliance roles and responsibilities.
- **Compliance Best Practices - BABAA Certification Letters** – Describes BABAA compliance best practices, including BABAA certification letters and recommended letter elements, certification roles and responsibilities, documentation requirements, and noncompliance.
- **Iron and Steel Products** – Focuses on iron and steel products, the definition of iron and steel products, and discusses iron and steel product compliance.
- **Manufactured Products** – Focuses on manufactured products and discusses manufactured product compliance.
- **Construction Materials** – Focuses on construction materials and discusses construction materials compliance.
- **Project Specific Waivers** – Explains the three types of project specific waivers, discusses the waiver process, and reviews the information needed to request a project specific waiver.
- **General Applicability Waivers** – Provides an overview of general applicability waivers, discusses each of FEMA's general applicability waivers currently in effect, and the general applicability waiver approval process.
- **De Minimis Waiver** – Describes FEMA's de minimis waiver, its use and recipient's best practices to document compliance, and compares the similarities and distinct differences between it and the minor components waiver.
- **Minor Components Waiver** – Discusses FEMA's minor components waiver, manufacturer's best practices to document compliance, and compares the similarities and distinct differences between it and the de minimis waiver.
- **FEMA Policy Decisions - Rolling Stock and Removable Objects** – Discusses FEMA's policy decisions excluding rolling stock and removable objects from the BABAA requirements.

Target Audience

These trainings are appropriate for FEMA employees, FEMA grant recipients, engineering and construction contractors, and anyone else interested in the BABAA requirements.

Delivery Format

These virtual trainings will be delivered using Adobe Connect. In advance of a training, please [test your connection here](#). Training dates and access information are provided below in the Training Schedule.

To register for any of the trainings listed below, please select “register here” for the day of training you would like to attend. There is no limit to the number of participants in each training.

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	Name of Training	Time	Training Link	Telephone Conference Code
April 24, 2024	Background on BABAA: Roles and Responsibilities	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
May 8, 2024	Compliance Best Practices - BABAA Certification Letters	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
May 22, 2024	Iron and Steel Products	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
June 5, 2024	Manufactured Products	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
June 26, 2024	Construction Materials	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#

Training Date	Name of Training	Time	Training Link	Telephone Conference Code
July 10, 2024	Project Specific Waivers	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
July 24, 2024	General Applicability Waivers	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
Aug. 7, 2024	De Minimis Waiver	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
Aug. 21, 2024	Minor Components Waiver	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#
Aug 28, 2024	FEMA Policy Decisions: Rolling Stock and Removable Objects	1 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 428092#

Other Resources You Can Explore

- [BABAA Programs and Definitions](#)
- [BABAA Decision Roadmap](#)
- [BABAA Fact Sheet and FAQ for Award Recipients](#)
- [BABAA Waivers](#)
- [BABAA Best Practices Guide OMB Made in America website](#)

For additional information and training opportunities, please visit the FEMA BABAA website at ["Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov](#).