

Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Lunch & Learn Webinar Schedule: January – April 2025

FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) is offering a series of **30-minute trainings** 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 and offered on various dates from January through April 2025. The trainings will cover a variety of topics related to BABAA, including compliance, best practices, covered products, and waivers. The training descriptions are below:

- **BABAA Three Key Pillars: Background, Compliance, and Waivers** – Discusses BABAA's history, its applicability to FEMA funded projects, compliance roles and responsibilities, and the waiver request process.
- **Iron and Steel Products, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials** – Defines iron and steel products, manufactured products, and construction materials as subject to BABAA and discusses their compliance requirements.
- **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, including the small projects and de minimis waivers.
- **FEMA Policy Decisions: Rolling Stock and Removable Objects** – Discusses FEMA's policy decisions regarding the exclusion of rolling stock and removable objects from the BABAA requirements.

Target Audience

This training is appropriate for FEMA employees, recipients, subrecipients, engineering and construction contractors, and anyone else interested in FEMA's implementation of 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. If you require reasonable accommodations, please contact us at fema-grants-buyamerica@fema.dhs.gov.

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Training Date	Name of Training	Time	Training Link	Telephone Conference Code
Jan 15, 2025	BABAA Three Key Pillars: Background, Compliance, and Waivers	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#
Jan 29, 2025	Iron and Steel Products, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#
Feb 12, 2025	BABAA Three Key Pillars: Background, Compliance, and Waivers	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#
Feb 26, 2025	Project Specific Waivers	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#
March 12, 2025	BABAA Three Key Pillars: Background, Compliance, and Waivers	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#
March 26, 2025	General Applicability Waivers	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#
April 9, 2025	BABAA Three Key Pillars: Background, Compliance, and Waivers	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#
April 23, 2025	FEMA Policy Decisions: Rolling Stock and Removable Objects	1:00 p.m. (ET)	REGISTER HERE	Phone Number: 1-800-320-4330 Access Code: 388374#

Other Resources You Can Explore

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

For additional information and training opportunities, please visit the FEMA BABAA website at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/buy-america> or contact us at fema-grants-buyamerica@fema.dhs.gov.