



November 7, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), I invite you to participate in a Tribal consultation on Thursday, December 8, 2022, 2:30pm – 4:00pm ET, on FEMA’s implementation of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) (Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52), which was enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This Tribal consultation is a follow up to the [interagency Tribal consultation](#) hosted by the White House Council on Native American Affairs on September 21, 2022, and will focus on the impact of BABAA on FEMA grant programs.

BABAA applies a new purchasing preference for American-made products that could significantly impact Tribal infrastructure projects under [certain FEMA grant programs](#). It provides that “none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.”

The purpose of this Tribal consultation is to gather additional feedback from Tribal leaders to inform FEMA’s implementation of BABAA policies and procedures in order to better serve the Tribal Nations.

The virtual Tribal consultation will be held on the Zoom for Government platform.

- Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022; 2:30 p.m. ET
- [Register to attend](#)
- Meeting ID: 160 452 8055; Passcode: 157526
- Join by phone: (669) 254-5252

An agenda and framing paper with questions for Tribal leader consideration will be provided prior to the session date. All information will be available on the FEMA website at: www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations.

The official record will remain open for 30 days after the Tribal Consultation a Tribal Nations to submit by written comments to gpd-comms@fema.dhs.gov. Tribal Nation’s written comments are due by Monday, January 9, 2023.

We look forward to your participation and receiving both your verbal and written comments as we work to support Tribal Nations’ access to grant funding before, during, and after disasters.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Williams,
Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate

cc: Tribal Emergency Managers