

## Article - State Finance and Procurement

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§14-416.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “American manufactured goods” means goods that:
  - (i) are manufactured in the United States; or
  - (ii) are assembled in the United States.
- (3) (i) “Emergency life safety and property safety goods” means any goods when provided for installation in, as part of, or as an addition to a system designed to:
  - 1. prevent, respond to, alert regarding, suppress, control, or extinguish an emergency or the cause of an emergency that threatens life or property; or
  - 2. assist in evacuation in the event of an emergency that threatens life or property.
- (ii) “Emergency life safety and property safety goods” includes:
  - 1. systems or items for or relating to:
    - A. fire alarms;
    - B. fire sprinklers;
    - C. fire suppression;
    - D. fire extinguishing;
    - E. security;
    - F. gas detection;
    - G. intrusion detection;
    - H. access control;

- I. video surveillance and recording;
- J. mass notification;
- K. public address;
- L. emergency lighting;
- M. patient wandering;
- N. infant tagging; and
- O. nurse call; and

2. information technologies and telecommunications products and technologies that are used for the purposes listed in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(4) “Public body” means:

- (i) a unit;
- (ii) a county;
- (iii) a municipality in the State;
- (iv) a school district in the State; or
- (v) a special district in the State.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a public body shall require a contractor or subcontractor to use or supply American manufactured goods in the performance of a contract for:

- (1) constructing or maintaining a public work; or
- (2) buying or manufacturing machinery or equipment that is to be installed at a public work site.

(c) This section does not apply:

- (1) if the head of a public body determines that:

(i) the price of the American manufactured goods exceeds the price of a similar manufactured good that is not manufactured in the United States by an unreasonable amount;

(ii) the item or a similar item is not manufactured or available for purchase in the United States in reasonably available quantities;

(iii) the quality of the item or a similar item manufactured in the United States is substantially less than the quality of a comparably priced, similar, and available item that is not manufactured in the United States; or

(iv) the procurement of a manufactured good would be inconsistent with the public interest; or

(2) to emergency life safety and property safety goods.

(d) The Board of Public Works shall adopt regulations to define the following terms for the purposes of this section:

(1) “reasonably available”;

(2) “unreasonable amount”; and

(3) “substantially less”.

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