March 29, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H - 232 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Section 837 of the fiscal year 2006 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 109-115), I am providing the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Buy American Act report.

The report indicates that, to the best of our knowledge, the SEC procures no supplies from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States. The report will be posted to the SEC public website at www.sec.gov.

The SEC purchases most of its goods and services through the General Service Federal Supply Schedules, in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 8, "Required Sources of Supplies and Services." Because vendors make their Buy American Act certifications directly to GSA under their Federal Supply Schedule contracts, it is GSA rather than the SEC that has the section 645 information with respect to SEC purchases from those vendors.

Approximately $2.5 million of supplies purchases were outside of these GSA procurement vehicles. For these acquisitions, as required by FAR 25.1101, the SEC incorporates the provisions and clauses of the Buy American Act in solicitations and contracts for supplies and services involving the furnishing of supplies. During fiscal year 2006, vendors submitted no exceptions to the use of domestic end products under their Buy American Certificates. Thus, to the best of our knowledge, all supplies were obtained from domestic sources.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me or have your staff contact Jonathan Burks, Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, who may be reached at 202-551-2010.

Sincerely,

Christopher Cox
Chairman

Attachment: As stated.
I. The Dollar Value of Any Articles, Materials, or Supplies Purchased that were Manufactured Outside of the United States: $0

An Itemized List of All Waivers Granted with Respect to Such Articles, Materials, or Supplies under the Buy American Act: No waivers were granted.

A Summary of the Total Procurement Funds Spent on Goods Manufactured in the United States versus Funds Spent on Goods Manufactured Outside the United States: All SEC procurement funds attributable to the purchase of supplies, $2.4 million, were spent on goods manufactured in the United States. As required by FAR 25.1101, the SEC incorporates Buy American Act clauses in all solicitations and contracts for supplies and for services involving the furnishing of supplies. During Fiscal Year 2006, SEC contractors submitted no exceptions to the use of domestic end products under their Buy American Act Certificates.
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