

It's all about Jobs!!!!

Well, we appear to be mired in the worst recession the architectural & construction industry has ever been in. Current thinking from many a business school and media prognosticator is that this jobless rate, for a variety of economic reasons, will last another 30 months.

The USA needs jobs to pull our country out of this mess. Homegrown jobs are the key to getting us back on our feet and in that regard we wanted to share & reinforce our Corporate Philosophy with you.

Way back in 1995 I made two decisions for D7S:

1. **We went with 100% green/sustainable product technologies** and...
2. **This firm, my firm, would only represent American Made products**...growing up in the “rust belt” showed me the economic impact of “out sourcing” jobs overseas. Even after all of this time, the quality of life continues to decline in the “rust belt” with fewer & fewer job opportunities for the people with each passing year.

These two decisions still stand today and I reaffirm to you that my firm will only represent green/sustainable products made by USA workers in USA manufacturing facilities located in the United States of America.

Generally speaking the installed cost of a USA manufactured product versus an “off shore” product is from 0.5 to 1 % difference. Please give serious consideration to the D7S principals when you are working on your next project specifications or go to www.division7.com for non-proprietary specifications that embrace this “home grown jobs” philosophy.

This isn't a discriminatory thinking process, just one of let's take care of our own, as even the Federal Government has a “Buy American” clause for Federal projects. *Shouldn't we all have that same philosophy, after all “It is all about jobs” and perhaps even ours.*

Roy Schaufele, FCSI, CCPR, LEED Green Assoc.

Founder & Proud Representative of “Green” USA Manufactured Products since 1995

Certification of Conformance
Buy American Act of the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

August 3, 2011

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves as a conformance certification for the Section 1605 Buy American Act provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and subpart 25.6 of FAR. The Buy American Act provision requires the use of construction materials manufactured in the United States in ARRA funded projects.

York Manufacturing, Inc. of Sanford, Maine hereby certifies that its flashing products and accessories are manufactured in the United States of America in accordance with section 1605 definitions.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Craig Wetmore at cwetmore@yorkmfg.com or 800-551-2828 x16.

Best regards,



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**Certification of Conformance:
FOAMULAR® Extruded Polystyrene Insulation (XPS)**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Buy American, Construction Materials**

To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding Foamular XPS insulation products, marked as described herein, this letter serves as certification of conformance to the requirements of:

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), enacted in 2009, Public Law 111-5, Title XVI, Section 1605, the "Buy American" requirement, and,
- The "Buy American" implementation language in the General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Acquisitions Regulation (FAR), Subpart 25.6.

The "Buy American" provision requires, for ARRA funded projects, the use of construction materials manufactured in the United States.

Each Foamular XPS product has printed on it an alpha-numeric lot code. Owens Corning certifies that Foamular XPS products with lot codes beginning in A, B or D are manufactured in the United States in accordance with Section 1605 and Subpart 25.6 definitions.

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to Herbert Slone at herbert.slone@owenscorning.com or 330-677-2331.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herbert Slone".

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