



MOFW Resolution Commitments, in brief:

- “Work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed”; to
- “Commit to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided by the American people”; and,
- “Commit to publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation’s economic recovery program.”

Talking Points for speaking with Elected Officials or media:

- To get our nation back on track, we must get our economy working again and working for the middle class. In order to do that, we need to insist that our tax dollars are spent at home, on American-made products.
- The United States is, by far, the world’s largest importer. We brought in \$819 billion in goods in 2007. [U.S. Census Bureau data] This is why Buy America is so important. It is about using taxpayer dollars, when allowed by our international obligations, to purchase U.S.-produced goods.
- 4 million U.S. manufacturing jobs have been lost since 2000, amounting to losses of nearly one-fourth of all U.S. manufacturing jobs. Factory orders now stand at record lows while the U.S. racked up a \$700 billion trade deficit in 2007. [U.S. Census Bureau data]
- The Buy America provision in the economic recovery package does not break any existing U.S. trade obligations.
- Buy America ensures that taxpayer dollars are used to buy goods produced in our country and create jobs at home.
- According to an Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM) study by the University of Massachusetts’ Political Economy Research Institute, significant investment in infrastructure could create more than 250,000 manufacturing jobs if U.S.-made goods are used.