

### BABA Rules in brief

**Iron & Steel:** Produced in the U.S. “from the melt,” per 23 CFR 635.410

**Construction Materials:** Includes Plastic & Polymer based products, Non-Ferrous Metals, Glass & Fiber Optic Cable, etc. where ALL manufacturing products occur in the US, per 2 CFR 184

**Manufactured Products:** Multiple materials combined to create a product with different properties, per 23 CFR 635.410

- Through 2025 lettings\*: Waiver in effect.
- 2026 lettings\*: Final Assembly in US.
- 2027 lettings\*: Final Assembly + 55% of cost of components sourced in US.

Vendors (Manufacturers, Producers, or Fabricators) will answer multiple questions within the PATH/APL system to verify product properties and domestic status. Distributors or resellers are generally not permitted to respond for the vendor.

### BABA quick notes

- Rules are not retroactive; they are based on the FDOT letting date\*
- ALL Projects are subject to BABA rules, per Section 6 of the specifications. Federal funds may be present in any phase of the project (Environmental, R/W, Design, or Construction.)

\*Federal rules use an obligation date. FDOT’s implementation date is based on the Contract schedule and the time between obligation of funds (authorization & advertisement period) and letting

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q: How long does the process take?

*A: For many products, the manufacturer’s website will have sufficient product documentation for listing; these items may be added to the APL for project specific use. The vendor will then be invited to submit an APL application for future projects.*

#### Q: What if the proposed product is non-domestic?

*A: If domestic products are available, they must be used before any waiver is used. If no domestic products are available, a waiver may be requested by the Department based on the Standard Specification.*

*Waivers will not be requested for project specific “non-standard” specifications. Contact Product Evaluation for options.*

#### Q: Does my product need to be listed?

*A: All products must have either:*

- **Approved Producer number** (Concrete, Asphalt, Precast, and other materials) with an approved QC plan documented in MAC system
- **APL number** to document specification and BABA compliance.
  - ⇒ **2024-2025 projects:** see the APL for required product types. Document the APL number in MAC or PrC daily work record.
  - ⇒ **2026 projects:** ALL installed products. Document the APL number and quantity in PrC daily work record.

### Product Evaluation Office

Email: [Product.Evaluation@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Product.Evaluation@dot.state.fl.us)

Website: <https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/productevaluation>



# Approved Product List (APL)

## Contractor’s Guide to requesting APL numbers for products

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### Helpful Hints for Project Specific Requests:

Project and contact information are not required, but it will help us to prioritize requests. Letting date is needed to ensure that correct BABA requirements are considered.

1. **APL Product Type:** This helps to identify the applicable specification and proposed use of the product. If unknown, reference the FDOT specification section or article.
2. **Product Name, as shown on the Vendor's Website:** informal or generic product names are not helpful when trying to ensure that the preferred product is evaluated.
3. **Model or Sizes:** if multiple models or sizes meet the specifications, they may be grouped as a "series" under one product.
4. **Link to Product Page:** This helps to confirm the product's name and details. Data sheets are often available at this location. Do not attach files available from this page.
5. **Link to Vendor's BABA status or documentation:** Vendors may have a list of BABA compliant products or the industry standards the products meet. Generic "made in America" statements, BAA, or other waivers may not be applicable for all products.

Requests may be submitted to:  
**[Product.Evaluation@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Product.Evaluation@dot.state.fl.us)**

### Notify Product Evaluation for Review of Proposed Products

If you need a product and see the message below, send us the product request (see sample form below).

Depending on the vendor's documentation, we may:

- Add the product to the APL based on the vendor's website information, then invite the vendor to submit an application.
- Contact the vendor for additional information and invite them to submit a product application. Some products may require additional testing or reports, per the FDOT specifications.

\_Notify Product Evaluation for review of proposed products (APL Product)

Vendor: FDOT Product Evaluation, email: [Product.Evaluation@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Product.Evaluation@dot.state.fl.us)

- **Model Number:**
- **APL Number:** 630-xxx-xxx
- **Specification:** Conduit
- **Product Type:** Example Type of Conduit
- **BABA Eligible:** Eligible
- **Limitation:** BABA Approved for job lettings on or before December 31, 2025.
- **Comment:** Approved for Project 987654-3-
- **Fabrication:** Multiple Materials used for Product Type

### Questions for Listing Products on the APL

1. Does it meet the FDOT Specifications: Standard Specification, TSP, MSP, other?
2. Does it meet the Federal Rules: Convict Labor, BABA, Communications, etc.?

See the *FDOT Standard Specifications*, Section 6 and the applicable specification Section for complete details.

Test Reports, photos, documents, or additional testing may be required, per the specifications.

### FDOT APL Product Request Form: Project Specific requests

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| Project Number |  | Letting Date   |  |
| Submitted by   |  | Date Submitted |  |
| Email          |  |                |  |

| 1. APL Product Type | 2. Product Name, as shown on Manufacturer's Website | 3. Model Numbers or Sizes | 4. Manufacturer's Name & Link to Product Page | 5. BABA status, Link to Manufacturer's BABA status, or documentation attached |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 123-456-xxx         |                                                     |                           |                                               |                                                                               |
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