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Pennsylvania Steel Alliance Members:

We ask you to act on this letter by **March 11th**.

As you may know, Pennsylvania passed legislation that made changes to the Steel Procurement Act in the fall of 2012. This legislation was supported and advocated for by the PA Steel Alliance and the changes to the Act are intended to improve the efficiency of administering the Act *while not altering coverage of the Act in any way*. The legislation requires the PA Department of General Services (DGS) to develop an exempt list annually of machinery and equipment products that are not produced in sufficient quantities in the United States. DGS must publish this list in the PA Bulletin and provide for a 30 day public comment period.

DGS published this list in the PA Bulletin on February 9th and it can be found [here](#). Some things to keep in mind:

- The public has 30 days from the date of publication (**March 11th**) to provide comments to DGS. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Deputy Secretary for Public Works, Department of General Services, 18th and Herr Streets, Harrisburg, PA 17125. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail at ra-steel@pa.gov.
- According to the DGS statement of policy found [here](#), comments must be supported with a mill certification indicating that the steel was melted in the United States of America or an executed Steel Origin Certification form, found [here](#), indicating the disputed product is produced domestically.
- DGS has told us that if a manufacturer provides proof that they make any of the broad products included on the exempt list, they will take the item off the annual list and require contractors to submit individual waiver requests for those items. Keep in mind that you **MUST** submit comments and the required form described above to DGS in order to demonstrate that you produce a product on the exempt list.

Note: if you supply or manufacture any of these listed items, it is important that you email the Department of General Services and accompany that with at least one required certificate of origin from any product within the category. We would also appreciate copying me (Matt@pasteelalliance.com) so we can track submissions.

Prior to the changes made to the Steel Procurement Act last year, contractors had to demonstrate to DGS that they could not find a specific steel product made domestically by verifying that they reached out to 3 manufacturers that did not make said product. DGS then reached out to 4 separate manufacturers and if none of these organizations made the product, it was exempted from the project in question. This same process will remain in place for products that are not on the final DGS exempt products list.

The PA Steel Alliance encourages you to review the exempt list carefully and appreciates your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Matt Crocco

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Crocco".

Executive Director