

## **Build America, Buy America Certification of Compliance**

## To Whom It May Concern:

This will certify that the fiber optic cable products manufactured by Sterlite Technologies Inc. ('STL') at its Lugoff, South Carolina manufacturing facility are compliant with the Build America, Buy America ('BABA') provisions of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, Pub. L. 177-5.

BABA establishes a domestic content procurement preference for all Federal financial assistance infrastructure projects after May 14, 2022, such as the *Broadband Equity Access and Deployment* (BEAD) Program.

BABA rulemaking released on August 14, 2023 by the United States Office of Management and Budget classifies optical fiber and fiber optic cable as "construction materials", requiring that every manufacturing process for such products occur in the United States. For fiber optic cable, this means that the ribboning, through buffering, fiber stranding and jacketing, occur in the United States. For optical fiber, all stages from initial preform fabrication through the completion of draw, must also occur in the United States.

STL produces fiber optic cable for federal infrastructure projects, including BEAD projects, at its state-of-the-art Palmetto Plant manufacturing facility located in Lugoff, South Carolina. Optical fiber is the primary component of the cable manufactured at the Lugoff facility, and STL has a fully compliant domestic source for such fiber, and can certify that it's fiber optic cable products manufactured in Lugoff for federal infrastructure projects, including BEAD projects, are all BABA compliant.

If you need further assistance or require product-specific certification, please contact an STL representative by <a href="mailto:phone at (888) 666-0512">phone at (888) 666-0512</a>, by <a href="mailto:ema

Sincerely,

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