



CRRC Sifang America Exceeds Buy America Requirements for Chicago Transit Authority's 7000 Series Railcars

Buy America

Buy America provisions are applied to transit-related procurements valued over \$100,000, for which funding includes grants administered by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Buy America provisions are a condition of U.S. federal government grants to state, municipal or other organizations including transit authorities.

The FTA Buy America statute states when procuring rolling stock with FTA assistance, the cost of components and subcomponents produced in the United States **"for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, is more than 60 percent of the cost of all components of the rolling stock."**

CRRC Sifang America's contract with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) was awarded in **March 2016**, which includes the Buy America provision ensuring a minimum of 60% of all components of the new railcars are built with supplies from the United States.

Exceeding Buy America Requirements

The Chicago Transit Authority engaged Parsons Brinckerhoff, a third-party auditor and a leading multinational engineering and design firm, to conduct an independent audit and concluded CRRC Sifang America is sourcing approximately 70% of the total cost of its components from U.S. manufacturers, far exceeding the Buy America requirements.

CRRC sources all components required to produce passenger railcars in the U.S., if they are available, from U.S. manufacturers.



Kustom Seating Unlimited, Inc., headquartered in Bellwood, Illinois, is the leading designer and manufacturer of seating and related products for mass transit markets. Kustom Seating is supplying the seats for the Chicago Transit Authority's 7000 Series railcars.