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I am a Contracting Officer for GSA. The customers I represent always ask me why it takes so long to purchase the products and services they require. The proposed rule is an excellent example of why it takes so long. Wasn't the Federal Acquisition Reform Act (FARA) about simplifying the Government acquisition process? If so, the proposed rule is diametrically opposed to FARA. The proposed rule even states that it overlaps the existing EPA-designated recycled content product regulations in several areas. Why do we need another mandatory preference program?

The bottom line is that unless the manufacturers and vendors of the items listed in the proposed rule can price them competitively (since unreasonable price is an exception to the rule), no CO worth their weight will give the program a second look.

And yes, I sent the same email to my Congressman.

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