



PLP BECOMES FIRST FIBER CLOSURE AND POLE LINE HARDWARE MANUFACTURER TO SELF-CERTIFY BABA COMPLIANCE FOR U.S. BEAD PROGRAM

CLEVELAND, OHIO – AUGUST 16, 2024 – PLP, a global leader and key U.S. manufacturer of critical broadband infrastructure components, today announced that it is the first fiber optic closure and pole line hardware manufacturer to self-certify several of its core products as compliant with the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act requirements of the U.S. BEAD Program.

The BABA Act, part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)—also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—mandates strict U.S. domestic sourcing requirements for all related programs, including the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which allocates \$42.5 billion in federal grants to U.S. states and territories for the planning, deployment, and adoption of projects and activities that provide high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved communities.

For nearly 80 years, PLP has been a strong advocate for U.S. manufacturing and American workers, ever since its founding in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1947. The company's state-of-the-art plants in Arkansas, North Carolina, and Ohio manufacture thousands of components used in critical communications and power networks worldwide, including industry-leading fiber optic splice closures, pedestals, and pole line hardware devices. These BABA-compliant products are essential for future U.S. infrastructure projects, including those funded by the BEAD Program and other critical infrastructure initiatives.

"As a leading U.S. manufacturer of many components that require Build America, Buy America compliance, we are committed to ensuring that our customers and their infrastructure projects adhere to the IIJA's BABA mandate, not only because it supports American jobs and the overall economy, but also because it aligns with our long-standing pledge to provide our customers with the highest-quality American-made products backed by unparalleled local support," **said John Hofstetter, Executive Vice President of U.S. Operations at PLP.**

Since the beginning of 2022, PLP has invested over \$60 million in new facilities, capacity enhancements, and equipment upgrades that further strengthen its U.S. manufacturing operations, including a recent \$27 million expansion project at the company's Rogers, Arkansas manufacturing plant and the acquisition of a manufacturing facility in Peninsula, Ohio.

"Although PLP is already well-positioned as a prominent U.S. manufacturer with strong domestic supplier relationships and has many products that are compliant from day one, we are being diligent with our certification process. While we currently self-certify hundreds of core products, we anticipate this number to quickly grow into the thousands as we continuously evaluate existing SKUs and bring new domestic production resources online," **said Matthew Becker, Senior Market Manager of North America Communications at PLP.**



The current list of certified BABA-compliant products includes:

Enclosures

- COYOTE® DTC
- COYOTE® Drop Cable Closures
- COYOTE® LCC
- COYOTE® In-Line Runt Closures
- COYOTE® ONE Dome Closures
- COYOTE® 6.5" x 17" Dome Closures
- COYOTE® 6.5" x 22" Dome Closures
- COYOTE® Taut Closures
- COYOTE® 9.5" x 19" Dome Closures
- COYOTE® 9.5" x 28" Dome Closures
- COYOTE® HD Dome Closures
- COYOTE® HD Stainless Steel Splice Cases
- COYOTE® Aerial Drop Closures
- COYOTE® Terminal Closures
- COYOTE® Terminal Dome Closures
- COYOTE® 8" Pedestals
- COYOTE® GLC

Iron or Steel Products

- GUY-GRIP® Dead-Ends
- False Dead-Ends
- Strand Splices
- Reducing Splices

Other Network Equipment

- SLACKLOOP® Plastic In-Span Storage
- SLACKLOOP® Aluminum In-Span Storage
- SLACKLOOP® Center-Lock Storage
- SLACKLOOP® 33" Cable Storage

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- SLACKLOOP® Compact Cable Storage
- COYOTE® Splice Trays
- Guy Markers
- Spiral Vibration Dampers
- FIBERLIGN® Dielectric Dampers
- Air Flow Spoilers

PLP anticipates its list of compliant products will continuously grow as additional products are reviewed and certified by the company's internal compliance team.

For additional information regarding BABA compliance, the company has established an online resource at go.plp.com/baba.

ABOUT PLP

PLP protects the world's most critical connections by creating stronger and more reliable networks. The company's precision-engineered solutions are trusted by energy and communications providers worldwide to perform better and last longer. With locations in over 20 countries, PLP works as a united global corporation, delivering high-quality products and unparalleled service to customers around the world.

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