

- The Foreign Assistance Act prohibits use of U.S. funds (including foreign military sales) for procurement from foreign sources unless the President determines that such procurement will not adversely affect the U.S. economy or industrial base.
- The Emergency Food Assistance Act and other legislation related to government support of human feeding programs require that recipient agencies purchase, wherever possible, only food products that have been produced in the United States.

Buy American requirements are also included in a number of other statutes, including:

- U.S. Technology and Pre-eminence Authorization Act;
- Small Business Credit and Business Opportunities Enhancement Act;
- Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act;
- NASA Authorization Act;
- High Performance Computing Act of 1991; and
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act.

Small Business Set-Asides

The United States government, as well as several state and local governments, restricts certain contracts to small and minority-owned United States companies. Canadian firms are not eligible for these prime contracts and are also at a disadvantage when seeking subcontracts because prime contractors are required to provide a specified level of subcontracting to small and minority businesses. The definition of "small" varies by industry, but may involve up to 1500 employees in a manufacturing firm, or annual revenue of up to \$18 million for a services firm. United States law requires that:

- 20 per cent of the total value of U.S. government prime contract awards be made to U.S. small business;
- all contracts worth less than \$25 000 be reserved for small business;