

CLIENT ALERT

ITA/USTR Request for Comments on Trade Agreements and Government Procurement

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Implementing the President's direction in the [Buy American Hire American Executive Order](#), the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration and the United States Trade Representative have issued a [request for comments](#) from industry on how U.S. government procurement obligations affect U.S. companies' participation in the U.S. and foreign government procurement markets. This request presents a significant opportunity for companies to provide input on how such agreements have positively affected their global supply chains as well as the extent to which the public procurement markets of participating governments are important to U.S. industry and jobs. Unfortunately, the notices provide a very short 30-day period in which to respond (until 11:59 pm EDT on **September 18, 2017**), particularly given the end of summer timing. For more information, please contact the professional(s) listed below, or your regular Crowell & Moring contact.

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