

Questions outlined in this document were created by viewers in response to the materials presented in the Buy Clean Colorado (BCCO) Act Agency Training #1 presentation that occurred on March 20th, 2023. The Office of the State Architect (OSA) reviewed the questions and provided answers that aligned with the program objectives at the time of presentation. Please note that these responses are subject to change and that you should review the most current Q&A documents and website for up to date responses and information.

## **Buy Clean Colorado (BCCO) Act: Agency Training #1 Questions and Answers:**

- 1. Sorry, I think I missed it. Are our non-CDOT road construction projects subject to -117 or -118?
  - a. The OSA is implementing policy for all construction (vertical and horizontal) within state agencies and institutions of higher education (IHE) footprint. Therefore, non-CDOT road construction projects are subject to C.R.S. 24-92-117. CDOT is only overseeing their horizontal projects. CDOT vertical projects will follow the OSA's policy.
- 2. Are we going to be able to get a copy of this ppt? especially the individual duties / responsibilities.
  - a. The recording and ppt will be placed on the BCCO webpage later this week. https://osa.colorado.gov/energy-environment/buy-clean-colorado-act
- 3. Solicitation for design or solicitation for construction?
  - a. Design solicitation starts the process. All design solicitations that begin on or after January 1, 2024 are subject to the BCCO Act requirements.
- 4. At the last briefing you mentioned that the EPDs have to be reviewed and approved prior to the product installation. Do you have a sense of what that turnaround time is going to be targeted to be?
  - a. The OSA will not review contractor-submitted EPDs. It is up to the agency/IHE delegate to review all contractor-submitted EPDs to ensure compliance.
- 5. Just to confirm then, if we have a project that was designed prior to Jan 1, 2024 but the construction bidding doesn't happen until after Jan 1 then we DO NOT need to re-design / otherwise comply with BCCO, correct?
  - a. Correct. The Buy Clean Colorado Act impacts all new projects that are in solicitation for design on or after January 1, 2024.
- 6. Are there concerns that such requirements will drive small producers from the market for whom production of EPD values may prove burdensome, or is the listing of EPDs fairly standard through all levels of the industry?



- a. The reporting of manufacturing impacts is becoming a standard across all levels of the industry. There are concerns about the number of EPDs that are currently available, but EPDs are being made at a faster rate than before.
- 7. What happens if during design we find a supplier who can deliver the concrete but upon construction they are not able to
  - a. OSA will have a waiver process in place to handle instances when EPDs are not available for a required material or if the procured material does not comply with OSA's standards.