Clarification of Certification Documentation for Buy America Compliant Companies

The following paragraph is from page 3 of the Bureau of Highway Instructional Memorandum, 2013-01.

If a contractor provides a product from a company noted as fully compliant with Buy America, the contractor will not be required to provide Buy America certification to the engineer. The Buy America certification will be maintained by CFS and will not be required to be located in the project files. The contractor will simply need to provide a bill of lading, product label, or shipping record to document that the products are from the respective manufacturer or fabricator. Project inspection staff will simply note the material source on their Inspector’s Daily Report (IDR) as the certification will be maintained by CFS.

The last sentence of this paragraph specifically references a Buy America company certification that is provided and maintained at CFS. It must be noted that only Buy America company certifications are maintained by CFS. CFS does not maintain any project specific material certifications (e.g. general certification, test data certification, etc.). Project construction staff is to ensure that all other material certifications that are required per the Materials Quality Assurance Procedures Manual are obtained and placed/filed in the project files.

Please share this construction advisory with consultants and local agencies in your area as well as TSC staff.