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Westell Announces BABA Self-Certified Line of Enclosures for use in BEAD

AURORA, Ill., October 25, 2024 -- Westell Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”), a leading provider of high-performance network infrastructure solutions, today announced the self-certification of a line of cabinets and enclosures meeting National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) guidelines to ensure compliance with the Build America, Buy America (BABA) program requirements for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

As operators and infrastructure developers look to secure part of the $42.45 billion in BEAD funding, they are required to use U.S. manufactured equipment in their network buildouts. To support this, the NTIA has developed a self-certification framework for manufacturers to demonstrate compliance. Once certified, manufacturers are added to the Department of Commerce managed list of companies that have certified specific equipment that complies with the Buy America requirement for the BEAD Program. This process is designed to minimize fraudulent claims that products meet Buy America Act standards.

"By providing self-certified BABA enclosures, Westell aims to streamline the deployment of broadband infrastructure that boosts connectivity while also supporting domestic manufacturing," said Tim Duitsman, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer. "Westell's enclosures support fiber connectivity solutions in diverse environments to expand broadband access and enable infrastructure developers to improve their operational efficiency and reliability.”

Westell BABA self-certified products include enclosures focused on outside plant (OSP) deployments using pre-terminated fiber distribution hubs for 144-port, 288-port, 432-port, 576-port, 864-port, and 1152-port options.

Supplementary Information

- Westell Build America Buy America (BABA) Certification
- Build America Buy America: Companies Self-Certify Domestic Production for the BEAD Program
- Demonstrating compliance with the Buy America requirement
- An American-Made Internet for All
- Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program

About Westell

Westell is a leading provider of high-performance network infrastructure solutions focused on innovation and differentiation at the edge of communication networks where end users connect. The Company's portfolio of products and solutions enable service providers and network operators to improve performance and reduce operating expenses. With millions of products successfully deployed worldwide, Westell is a trusted partner for transforming networks into high quality, reliable systems. For more information, please visit www.westell.com.

Westell Technologies, Inc. (Pink: WSTL) trades on the Pink Open Market. Investors can find Real-Time quote and market information for the Company on www.otcmarkets.com.

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