

March 21, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Thomas A. Sharpe, Commissioner Federal Acquisition Service U.S. General Services Administration 1800 F Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20405

Re: USA misrepresentations on GSA Advantage!® website

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 16, 2016 in which you state that you will "review all of the identified concerns [we] raised and will provide TINA.org the results of that review within thirty days."

With all due respect, it has been two months since the GSA was initially put on notice that numerous Made in the USA misrepresentations exist on the GSA Advantage!® website, and ten days since TINA.org provided your office with a list of specific and undisputable errors on the website, yet <u>all</u> of these errors still exist today. There is no justifiable reason for any delay in taking full corrective action.

Furthermore, your letter states that you will review the "identified concerns" we raised, but does not indicate whether the GSA will be going beyond just the list of 100+ errors we provided. To be clear, the list of errors we sent was merely a sampling of the types of false Made in the USA representations we found during the course of our investigation. The list is neither complete nor exhaustive. Thus, a comprehensive review of the entire GSA Advantage!® website is necessary to ensure no other misrepresentations exist and that no further deception or unfair competitive advantage continues.

American businesses and consumers alike are being harmed every day by GSA's nonfeasance. Delay is simply not appropriate under these circumstances.

Sincerely,

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