

Settlement of False Claims Act Allegations Premised Upon Violation of the Trade Agreements Act

| Entity / Defendant | Date of Settlement | Settlement Amount | Nature of Case (initiated by: <i>qui tam</i> relator; DOJ; self-disclosure) | Nature of Alleged TAA Violations |
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| Office Max, Inc.** | 5/19/2005 | \$9.8 million | Qui Tam | Sale to GSA of office products produced in non-TAA designated countries, including China and Taiwan |
| Office Depot, Inc.** | 6/22/2005 | \$4.75 million | Qui Tam | Sale to GSA of office products produced in non-TAA designated countries, including China and Taiwan |
| Staples Contract and Commercial, Inc.** | 10/18/2005 | \$7.4 million | Qui Tam | Sale to GSA of office products produced in non-TAA designated countries, including China and Taiwan |
| Corporate Express Office Products, Inc.** | 2/10/2006 | \$5.02 million | Qui Tam | Sale to GSA of office products produced in non-TAA designated countries, including China and Taiwan |

** These settlements all resulted from the allegations raised in a single qui tam complaint, albeit all at different times.

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| Caddo Design** | N/A | \$100,000 | Qui Tam | Sale to GSA of office products produced in non-TAA designated countries, including China and Taiwan |
| TW Metals, Inc. | 3/18/2008 | \$215,000 | Self-Disclosure | Sold to the Department of Defense certain metal and specialty metal items that did not conform to domestic source restrictions (including the TAA, among others) |
| W.W. Grainger, Inc. | 7/25/2008 | \$6 million | Qui Tam | Sales to federal agencies of facilities maintenance and other products produced in non-TAA designated countries, including China and Taiwan; also involved allegations of improper sales to agencies of special order items at a markup greater than permissible under GSA contract terms |
| Tifco Industries, Inc. | 2/4/2009 | \$1.6 million | DOJ | Sold goods to the US Army for delivery at Fort Gordon, GA, which goods were produced in non-TAA designated countries |

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| J Squared Inc. d/b/a/ University Loft Co. | 6/26/2009 | \$400,000 | Qui Tam (by competitor Furniture by Thurston, Inc. and Lee Thurston) | Sold Malaysian-made furniture to government agencies |
| Fastenal Company | 1/13/2011 | \$6.25 million | DOJ (following GSA post-award audit) | Sale to GSA of hardware products produced in non-TAA designated countries, including China; also involved allegations of: PRC violations; failure to provide current, accurate and complete information about CSP; and improper assessment of sales and delivery taxes |