# Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions EIB 11-04 Co-Financing with Foreign Export Credit Agency

Additional Information related to the to the Export Import Bank's privacy policies for 3048-0037 (EIB 11-04) collection:

1) Is the information collected maintained as part of a system of records?

Information collected by 3048-0037 (EIB 11-04) is maintained in a system that is not a System of Records. The collected information pertains to corporations and institutions, not to private individuals. In those cases when a sole proprietorship is the customer, the information provided represents a business. The contact information is for an individual in a professional capacity, representing an institution or a corporation, not PII.

2) Does EXIM Bank have a Privacy Impact Assessment or System of Records Notice that is applicable to the information collected?

The most recent Privacy Impact Assessment applicable to the collected information is the EXIM Online (EOL) Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), dated June 25, 2018. The PIA determined that EOL is not a System of records under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C 552a.

3) Has the form contained in this information collection request been reviewed by EXIM Bank's privacy office or staff?

Yes, 3048-0037 (EIB 11-04) collection has been reviewed by EXIM Bank's privacy office.

### General Instructions

A Supporting Statement, including the text of the notice to the public required by 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(i)(iv) and its actual or estimated date of publication in the Federal Register, must accompany each request for approval of a collection of information. The Supporting Statement must be prepared in the format described below, and must contain information specified in Section A below. If an item is not applicable, provide a brief explanation. OMB reserves the right to require the submission of additional information with respect to any request for approval.

## Specific Instructions

## A. Justification

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.

The Export Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) pursuant to the Export Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended (12 USC 635, et seq), facilitates the finance of export of U.S. goods and services. By neutralizing the effect of export credit insurance and guarantees offered by foreign governments and by absorbing credit risks that the private sector will not accept, EXIM enables U.S. exporters to complete fairly in foreign markets on the basis of price and product. This collection of information is necessary, pursuant to 12 USC Sec. 635 (a) (1), to determine eligibility of the applicant for EXIM assistance.

This form will enable EXIM to identify the specific details of the proposed cofinancing transaction between a U.S. exporter, EXIM, and a foreign export credit agency; the information collected includes vital facts such as the amount of U.S.made content in the export, the amount of financing requested from EXIM, and the proposed financing amount from the foreign export credit agency. These details are necessary for approving this unique transaction structure and coordinating EXIM's support with that of the foreign export credit agency to ultimately complete the transaction.

2. Indicate how, by whom and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received form the current collection.

This collection will gather information necessary to make a determination of eligibility of a transaction for EXIM assistance coordinating support with a foreign Export Credit Agency ("ECA").

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

These forms can be completed electronically and printed for submission.

4. Describe effort to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.

All applications are independent of each other; therefore this is no duplication since each application corresponds to a unique financing transaction.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities describe any methods used to minimize burden.

The ability to complete the form electronic submission reduces the paperwork burden

on small businesses and processing time for EXIM.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

This collection gathers information necessary to make a determination of eligibility of a transaction for EXIM assistance coordinating support with a foreign Export Credit Agency ("ECA"). In the absence of the information collected by this instrument, EXIM would be unable to make a determination of eligibility of a transaction for EXIM assistance coordinating support with a foreign Export Credit Agency ("ECA").

- 7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner"
  - \*requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;
  - \*requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;
  - \*requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;
  - \*in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid or reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;
  - \*requiring the use of statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;
  - \*that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or \*requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secrets, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

This collection is consistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

- 8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments.
  - 60 Day Federal Register Notice Vol. 83, #60 dated 3-28-2018
  - 12 comments were received. However, none pertained to the form and on action was required.

30 Day Federal Register Notice Vol.83, #111 dated 06-08-2018

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

Not applicable – no payments or gifts are provided to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

EXIM and its officers and employees are subject to the Trade Secrets Act, 19 USC Sec 1905, which requires EXIM to protect confidential business and commercial information from disclosure., as well as, 12 CFR 404.1, which provides that, except as required by law, EXIM will not disclose information provided in confidence without the submitter's consent.

11. Provide additional justification for any question of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considered the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

Not applicable – no questions of sensitive nature are asked by this instrument.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should include:

Annual number of respondents: 60

The frequency of response: Occasion Annual hour burden: 15 hours

An explanation of how the burden was estimated:

From time to time EXIM staff completes a "sample" application form for use in system testing, training, etc. The time it takes for the staff to fill out the application form is about 15 minutes. For burden calculation purposes, we assumed that it would take on average 15 minutes for respondents to complete the application.

13. Provide an estimate for the total annual cost burden to respondents or records keepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in items 12 and 14).

Not applicable – Aside from the time expenditure estimated in item 12, there is no monetary cost burden or any other burden on the respondent.

14. Provide estimates of annualized costs to the Federal government.

Reviewing time per hour: 15 minutes

Responses per year: 60

Reviewing time per year: 15 hours Average Wages per hour: \$42.50 Average cost per year: \$637.50

(time \* wages)

Benefits and overhead: 20% Total Government Cost: \$765.00

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjusted reported in items 13 or 14 of OMB from 83-1.

Not applicable – there were no changes to the burden estimates in items 13 or 14.

- 16. For collection of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.
- 17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

Not applicable – EXIM is not seeking approval to not display the expiration date.

## Part B. - Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. The agency should be prepared to justify its decision not to use statistical methods in any case where such methods might reduce burden or improve accuracy of results. When Item 17 on OMB Form 83-1 is checked, "Yes" the following documentation should be included in the Supporting Statement to the extent that it applies to the methods proposed:

Statistical methods are not used in this information collection.