

Supplemental Document: Justification for a no Material/Non-Substantive Change

MARAD requests approval to make the following changes to OMB 2133-0018 (Title XI Obligation Guarantees—46 CFR Part 298):

- **Form MA-163 (Instructions and Application for Ship Financing):** The application instructions were modernized to include electronic submission procedures. Additionally, terminology was clarified to better convey the electronic submission process.

Previous Instructions:

<p style="text-align: right;">OMB 2133-0018 Expires September 30, 2024</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2133-0018. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be approximately 150 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are voluntary. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Maritime Administration, MAR-380, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.</p></div> <p style="text-align: center;">INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR SHIP FINANCING GUARANTEES</p> <p>Applications for ship financing guarantees (Guarantees) under 47 U.S.C. Chapter 537 (48 U.S.C. 1271--1280 a, the "Act"), and the regulations prescribed to carry out the provisions of the Act (46 CFR Part 298; the "Regulations"), shall be prepared and submitted in substantially the form annexed. No Title XI Guarantee may be granted unless a completed application has been received.</p> <p>Prior to filing an application, a preliminary meeting should be arranged with the Director, Office of Shipyards and Marine Financing, in Washington, D.C. to discuss the Title XI application and requirements of the Title XI program.</p> <p>Please answer each question as completely as possible. The metric measurement system may be used when supplying data. If any item in the application is inapplicable to the Applicant's particular case or the answer is "None," this should be so stated. The application must be printed or typewritten and ten (10) complete copies shall be filed with the Secretary, Maritime Administration. Three of these copies must be duly executed and certified by the applicant. All required attachments must be included with the application, except that only three (3) copies of Attachment III are required. The name and address of the Applicant shall be printed or typed on all accompanying papers for identification. Subsequent amendments and supplements to the application may be in letter form and shall be properly identified.</p> <p>Applicants must complete Parts I and II. Other parts are to be completed in accordance with the type of Guarantee applied for, as set forth in Part I, Item 5.</p> <p>A filing fee of \$5,000 must accompany the application. Applications will not be processed until the fee is received.</p> <p>ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN PART I WILL BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION PURPOSES. ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN PARTS II THROUGH V WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>IF THE APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE ATTACHMENTS THERETO, CONTAINS INFORMATION THE APPLICANT CONSIDERS TO BE TRADE SECRETS OR COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL, OR OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, THE APPLICANT SHALL ASSERT A CLAIM OF EXEMPTION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. THE SAME REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY TO ANY AMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION.</p> <p>Any amendment to the application filed shall be marked "Amendment" and shall contain a statement on the first page thereof, clearly identifying the document as an amendment to an application for Financing Guarantees, stating the name of the applicant and the date of the application.</p> <p style="text-align: left;">Form MA-163 (4-2014) 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PART I--SUMMARY INFORMATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Name and address of applicant2. Name and address of parent company (if applicable)3. Congressional district number of applicant4. Congressional district number of shipyard5. Nature of application (check as many as applicable):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> a) Construction period financing (Also complete Part III)<input type="checkbox"/> b) Mortgage period financing<input type="checkbox"/> c) Export Financing<input type="checkbox"/> d) Refinancing of existing debt (Also complete Part IV)<input type="checkbox"/> e) Reconditioning/Reconstruction (Also complete Part V)<input type="checkbox"/> f) Other (specify)6. The Proposal:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Describe briefly the proposed project including a brief description of the vessel(s) and the intended use of the vessel(s).b) Provide the total estimated actual cost (details to be provided in Part II, Section IV D1); the requested level of financing (i.e., 87.5%, 75 %); and the estimated <u>guarantee</u> amount.c) Indicate the requested period of the guarantee.d) Give the name and address of the shipyard.e) Indicate the estimated construction commencement and vessel delivery date(s).f) Flag of vessel(s) upon delivery.g) Has the Applicant or a related company previously applied for Title XI Guarantees? If so, under what name and what was the outcome?h) Will the project involve the guarantee of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Bonds<input type="checkbox"/> Notes<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Debt<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)i) Name and phone number of principal contact concerning the Title XI application.j) Does the Applicant have a web site on the Internet? If so please provide the site location. <p style="text-align: right;">Form MA-163 (4-2014) 2</p>
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Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Maritime Administration, MAR-390, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR SHIP FINANCING</p> <p>An application for ship financing (the "Application") under the Federal Ship Financing Program (46 USC Chapter 537; "Title XI" or the "Act"), and the regulations prescribed to carry out the provisions of the Act (46 CFR Part 298; the "Regulations"), shall be prepared and submitted in substantially similar form as attached to these instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please answer each question as completely as possible.• The metric measurement system may be used when supplying data.• If any question or request for information in the application is inapplicable to the applicant's particular case or the answer is "N/A" or "None," this should be so stated.• No Title XI financing may be considered for approval until a completed Application has been received.• The applicant's name shall be included on all accompanying electronic or physical documents for identification.• The Application and any associated documents should be submitted in Microsoft Word-compatible format (.doc or .docx) and/or indexed, searchable and copiable, portable document format (.pdf).• Financial spreadsheets should be in an unlocked Microsoft Excel-compatible format (.xlsx or .xls) with formulas.• Subsequent amendments and supplements to the Application shall utilize the same formats and shall be properly identified. <p>Any amendment to the Application shall include a cover letter marked "Amendment," contain a statement on the first page thereof, clearly identifying it as an amendment to the Application, state the name of the applicant, and note any changes to the Application.</p> <p>Public Release of Application Information -</p> <p>Part I: All information supplied in Part I of the Application will be released for public information purposes.</p> <p>Part II-V: All information supplied in Part II through V of the Application will be subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the application, including the attachments thereto, contains information the applicant considers to be trade secrets or commercial or financial information or privileged or confidential, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC 552(b)(4), the applicant shall assert a claim of exemption at the time of application.• The same requirement shall apply to any amendment to the Application. <p>Applicant Considerations Prior to Application Submission -</p> <p>Prior to Application submission, the applicant should initiate a preliminary meeting with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) through its Office of Marine Financing (OMF), in Washington, D.C. to discuss the Application and requirements of the Act and the Regulations (a "Pre-Application Meeting").</p> <p>MARAD recommends this Pre-Application Meeting to (1) ensure that the applicant is able to submit sufficient information for the most efficient review of the Application, (2) evaluate statutory priority for the project, such as eligibility as a Vessel of National Interest, and (3) consider the eligibility of the applicant for the "Streamlined Application Review" process.</p> <p>Form MA-153 (9-2021) 1</p>	<p>Application Submission Process -</p> <p>As part of the Pre-Application Meeting discussion, the applicant may request to be considered for the Streamlined Application Review process. MARAD will determine if an applicant is eligible, and then notify the applicant that it may proceed with the Streamlined Application process.</p> <p>All Applications will be considered under one of two application processes: standard/traditional or streamlined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard/Traditional Application process: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications <u>not</u> eligible for Streamlined Application processing will undergo review via this process. In general, all Applications are processed in order of receipt but are not required to be approved in that same order.• Streamlined Application process: Applicants are only able to submit for Streamlined Application Review at the invitation of MARAD. For the purpose of the expedited consideration of Applications for Title XI financing, a Streamlined Application is defined as an <u>Application</u> which exhibits higher credit quality and a lower probability of default; and, as a result, exposes the Title XI program to a lower level of credit loss. <p>Both Application review processes require the same information. The Standard Application process requires all required documentation at time of application submission whereas the Streamlined Application Review Process requires less initial information in the two-step process that evaluates earlier identified lower risk factors.</p> <p>Application Submission Requirements -</p> <p>Standard/Traditional Application Review: The Application shall be submitted to OMF electronically in two steps with the following parts and attachments via email to marinefinancing@dod.gov in the initial step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part I: Summary Information.• Part II: Applicant and Project.• Part III: Construction Period Financing (if applicable).• Part IV: Refinancing (if applicable).• Part V: Reconstruction or Reconditioning (if applicable).• Attachment I: Affidavit of US Citizenship.• Attachment VII: Declaration Regarding Lobbying.• A request for wire instructions to transmit the required application fee of \$5,000 or tracking information for submission of such application fee via courier/delivery service to OMF. <p>Applications will not be processed until the application fee is received.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the application fee, OMF will provide applicants access to a secure document portal for submission of the other attachments of the Application that are required to be completed in accordance with the type of financing applied for, as set forth in Part I, Section 5 of the Application.</p> <p>Streamlined Application Review: The Application shall be submitted to OMF electronically in three steps with the following parts and attachments via email to marinefinancing@dod.gov in the initial step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part I: Summary Information.• Part II: Applicant and Project (Partial - Sections I.A.1, II.A, II.F, IV.B.2-4, IV.D.1, and IV.E).• Attachment I: Affidavit of US Citizenship.• Attachment VII: Declaration Regarding Lobbying.• A request for wire instructions to transmit the required application fee of \$5,000 or tracking information for submission of such application fee via courier/delivery service to OMF. <p>Applications will not be processed until the application fee is received.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the application fee, OMF will provide applicants access to a secure document portal for submission of the following attachments of the Application: Attachment IV.</p> <p>After evaluation of the parts and attachments provided in steps one and two, OMF will provide access to a secure portal for submission of the other parts and attachments of the Application that are required to be completed in accordance with the type of financing applied for, as set forth in Part I, Section 5 of the Application.</p> <p>Form MA-153 (9-2021) 2</p>
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- **Form MA-163A (Instructions and Application for Shipyard Financing):** The application instructions were modernized to include electronic submission procedures. Additionally, terminology was clarified to better convey the electronic submission process.

Previous Instructions:

<p style="text-align: right;">OMB No. 2133-0018 Expires: September 30, 2024</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>The collection of this information is required to obtain benefits under 46 CFR 208. A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2133-0018. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 150 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering existing data sources, gathering existing data, reviewing the collection of information, all responses to this collection of information are voluntary. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Maritime Administration, MAR-390, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.</p></div> <p>INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR SHIPYARD FINANCING GUARANTEES</p> <p>Applications for Title XI guarantees (Guarantees) for shipyards under 47 U.S.C. Chapter 537 (46 U.S.C. 1271-1280; the "Act"), and the regulations prescribed to carry out the provisions of the Act (46 CFR Part 208; the "Regulations"), shall be prepared and submitted in substantially the form annexed. No Title XI Guarantee may be granted unless a completed application has been received by the Maritime Administration (MARAD).</p> <p>Prior to filing an application, a preliminary meeting should be arranged with the Director, Office of Marine Financing, in Washington, D.C. to discuss the Title XI application and requirements of the Title XI program</p> <p>Please answer each question as completely as possible. The metric measurement system may be used when supplying data. If any item in the application is inapplicable to the Applicant's particular case or the answer is "None," this should be so stated. Where application space is not sufficient for a response, please provide an attachment referencing the application section and line number. Ten copies of the application shall be filed with the Secretary, Maritime Administration at the MARAD headquarters in Washington D. C. Three of these copies must be provided in a paper format, duly executed and certified by the applicant. The remaining seven copies may be paper based or provided on digital media such as a computer readable disc or flash drive. All required attachments must be included with the application, except that only three (3) paper based copies of Attachment III are required. The name and address of the Applicant shall be printed or typed on all accompanying papers for identification. Subsequent amendments and supplements to the application may be in letter form and shall be properly identified.</p> <p>Applicants must complete Parts I and II. Other parts are to be completed in accordance with the type of Guarantee applied for, as set forth in Part I, Item 4.</p> <p>A filing fee of \$5,000 must accompany the application and payment must be in the form of a disbursement check. Applications will not be processed until the fee is received.</p> <p>ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN PART I WILL BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION PURPOSES. ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN PARTS II THROUGH III WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>IF THE APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE ATTACHMENTS THERETO, CONTAINS INFORMATION THE APPLICANT CONSIDERS TO BE TRADE SECRETS OR COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL, OR OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, THE APPLICANT SHALL ASSERT A CLAIM OF EXEMPTION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. THE SAME REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY TO ANY AMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION.</p> <p>ANY AMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION FILED SHALL BE MARKED "AMENDMENT" AND SHALL CONTAIN A STATEMENT ON THE FIRST PAGE THEREOF, CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE DOCUMENT AS AN AMENDMENT TO AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCING GUARANTEES, STATING THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT AND THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION.</p> <p>Form MA-163A (4/2014) 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PART I - SUMMARY INFORMATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Name and address of applicant2. Name and address of parent company (if applicable)3. Congressional district number of applicant4. Nature of application (check as many as applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> a) Construction period financing (Also complete Part III) <input type="checkbox"/> b) Mortgage period financing <input type="checkbox"/> c) Refinancing of existing Title XI debt5. The Proposal:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Describe briefly the proposed project.b) Provide the total estimated actual cost (details to be provided in Part II, Section IV C); the requested level of financing (i.e., 87 1/2%, 75%), and the estimated guarantee dollar amount.c) Indicate the requested period of the guarantee.d) Indicate the estimated modernization commencement and completion date.e) Has the Applicant or a related company previously applied for Title XI Guarantees? 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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
APPLICATION FOR SHIPYARD FINANCING**

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- The metric measurement system may be used when supplying data.
- If any question or request for information in the application is inapplicable to the applicant's particular case or the answer is "N/A" or "None," this should be so stated.
- No Title XI financing may be considered for approval until a completed Application has been received.
- The applicant's name shall be included on all accompanying electronic or physical documents for identification.
- The Application and any associated documents should be submitted in Microsoft Word-compatible format (.doc or .docx) and/or indexed, searchable and copiable, portable document format (.pdf).
- Financial spreadsheets should be in an unlocked Microsoft Excel-compatible format (.xls or .xlsx) with formulas.
- Subsequent amendments and supplements to the Application shall utilize the same formats and shall be properly identified.

Any amendment to the Application shall include a cover letter marked "Amendment," contain a statement on the first page thereof, clearly identifying it as an amendment to the Application, state the name of the applicant, and note any changes to the Application.

Public Release of Application Information -

Part I: All information supplied in Part I of the Application will be released for public information purposes.

Part II-III: All information supplied in Part II through III of the Application will be subject to the following:

- If the application, including the attachments thereto, contains information the applicant considers to be trade secrets or commercial or financial information and privileged or confidential, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC 552(b)(4), the applicant shall assert a claim of exemption at the time of application.
- The same requirement shall apply to any amendment to the Application.

Applicant Considerations Prior to Application Submission -

Prior to Application submission, the applicant should initiate a preliminary meeting with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) through its Office of Marine Financing (OMF), in Washington, D.C. to discuss the Application and requirements of the Act and the Regulations (a "Pre-Application Meeting").

MARAD recommends this Pre-Application Meeting to (1) ensure that the applicant is able to submit sufficient information for the most efficient review of the Application and (2) consider the eligibility of the applicant for the "Streamlined Application Review" process.

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Application Submission Process -

As part of the Pre-Application Meeting discussion, the applicant may request to be considered for the Streamlined Application Review process. MARAD will determine if an applicant is eligible, and then notify the applicant that it may proceed with the Streamlined Application process.

All Applications will be considered under one of two application processes: standard/traditional or streamlined.

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Application Submission Requirements -

Standard/Traditional Application Review: The Application shall be submitted to OMF electronically in two steps with the following parts and attachments via email to marinefinancing@dot.gov in the initial step:

- Part I: Summary Information.
- Part II: Applicant and Project.
- Part III: Construction Period Financing (if applicable).
- Attachment VII: Declaration Regarding Lobbying.
- A request for wire instructions to transmit the required application fee of \$5,000 or tracking information for submission of such application fee via courier/delivery service to OMF.

Applications will not be processed until the application fee is received.

Upon receipt of the application fee, OMF will provide applicants access to a secure document portal for submission of the other attachments of the Application that are required to be completed in accordance with the type of financing applied for, as set forth in Part I, Section 5 of the Application.

Streamlined Application Review: The Application shall be submitted to OMF electronically in three steps with the following parts and attachments via email to marinefinancing@dot.gov in the initial step:

- Part I: Summary Information.
- Part II: Applicant and Project (Partial - Sections I.A.1, II.A, II.F, IV.B.2-4, IV.D.1, and IV.E).
- Attachment VII: Declaration Regarding Lobbying.
- A request for wire instructions to transmit the required application fee of \$5,000 or tracking information for submission of such application fee via courier/delivery service to OMF.

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Upon receipt of the application fee, OMF will provide applicants access to a secure document portal for submission of the following attachments of the Application: Attachment IV.

After evaluation of the parts and attachments provided in steps one and two, OMF will provide access to a secure portal for submission of the other parts and attachments of the Application that are required to be completed in accordance with the type of financing applied for, as set forth in Part I, Section 5 of the Application.

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