

**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Notice With Respect to List of
Countries Denying Fair Market
Opportunities for Government-Funded
Airport Construction Projects**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 533 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended (49 U.S.C. 50104), the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined not to list any countries as denying fair market opportunities for U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in foreign government-funded airport construction projects.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9476, or Maria Pagan, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 533 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended by section 115 of the Airport and Airway Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1987, Public Law 100-223 (codified at 49 U.S.C. 50104) (“the Act”), requires USTR to decide whether any foreign country has denied fair market opportunities to U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in connection with airport construction projects of \$500,000 or more that are funded in whole or in part by the government of such country. The list of such countries must be published in the **Federal Register**.

USTR has not received any complaints or other information that indicates that U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders are being denied fair market opportunities in such airport construction projects. As a consequence, for purposes of the Act, USTR has decided not to list any countries as denying fair market opportunities for U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in foreign government-funded airport construction projects.

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United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

**Assistance to Small Shipyards Grant
Program; Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Number: 20.814**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Office of Shipyards and Marine Engineering.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: There is currently \$9,800,000 available for grants for capital and related improvements for qualified small shipyard facilities that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration.

DATES: *Key Dates:* The period for submitting grant applications, as mandated by statute, commenced on April 15, 2011 and will terminate on June 14, 2011. The applications must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EDT on June 14, 2011. Applications received later than this time will not be considered. The Maritime Administration intends to award grants no later than August 15, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Shipyards and Marine Engineering, Maritime Administration, Room W21-318, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; phone: (202) 366-5737; or fax: (202) 366-6988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Funding Opportunity: Section 54101 of Title 46, United States Code, and the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, 2011 Public Law 112-10 provide that the Maritime Administration shall establish an assistance program for small shipyards. Under this program, there is currently \$9,800,000 available for grants for capital and related improvements for qualified small shipyard facilities that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration. (\$200,000 of the \$10,000,000 appropriated for the program is reserved for program administration.) Such grants may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities or to acquire land unless such use is specifically approved by the Maritime Administration as being consistent with and supplemental to capital and related infrastructure improvements. Grant funds may also be used for maritime training programs to foster technical skills and operational

productivity in communities whose economies are related to or dependent upon the maritime industry. Grants for such training programs may only be awarded to “Eligible Applicants” as described below, but training programs can be established through vendors to such applicants.

Award Information: The Maritime Administration intends to award the full amount of the available funding through grants to the extent that there are worthy applications. No more than 25 percent of the funds available will be awarded to any small shipyard facility in one geographic location that has more than 600 production employees. The Maritime Administration will seek to obtain the maximum benefit from the available funding by awarding grants for as many of the most worthy projects as possible. The Maritime Administration may partially fund applications by selecting parts of a total project. The start date and period of performance for each award will depend on the specific project and must be agreed to by the Maritime Administration.

Eligibility Information: 1. Eligible Applicants—the statutes referenced in “Funding Opportunity” above provide that shipyards can apply for grants. The small shipyard facility for which a grant is sought is defined as a shipyard facility in a single geographical location, located in or near a maritime community, which does not have more than 1200 employees. The applicant must be the operating entity of the shipyard facility. The shipyard facility must construct, repair, or reconfigure vessels 40 ft. in length or greater, for commercial or government use. 2. Eligible Projects—capital and related improvement projects that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration; and training projects that will be effective in fostering employee skills and enhancing productivity. For capital improvement projects, all items proposed for funding must be new and to be owned by the applicant. For both capital improvement and training projects, all project costs, including the recipient’s share, must be incurred after the date of the grant agreement.

Matching Requirements: The Federal funds for any eligible project will not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of such project. The remaining portion of the cost shall be paid in funds from or on behalf of the recipient. The applicant is required to submit detailed financial statements and supporting documentation demonstrating how and when such required matching funds are