

The County's submission clearly has provided sufficient documentation that the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantity and of a satisfactory quality to meet its technical specifications.

The April 28, 2009 EPA Headquarters Memorandum, "Implementation of Buy American provisions of Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," defines "satisfactory quality" as "the quality of steel, iron or manufactured goods specified in the project plans and designs."

EPA's national contractor prepared a technical assessment report dated July 14, 2010 based on the submitted waiver request. The report determined that the waiver request submittal was complete, that adequate technical information was provided, but did not agree with the County that there were no available U.S. manufacturers that produced the wafer check valves. Subsequently, on September 30, 2010, the EPA contractor prepared an amended technical assessment report based on supplemental information provided by Hernando County and determined a waiver was supported by the available evidence. The purpose of the ARRA provisions was to stimulate economic recovery by funding current infrastructure construction, not to delay projects that are already shovel ready by requiring entities, like the County, to revise their design and potentially choose a more costly and less efficient project. The imposition of ARRA Buy American requirements on such projects would result in unreasonable delay and thus displace the "shovel ready" status for this project. To further delay construction is in direct conflict with the most fundamental economic purposes of ARRA: To create or retain jobs.

The Region 4 Grants and Infrastructure Branch has reviewed this waiver request and has determined that the supporting documentation provided by the County is sufficient to meet the criteria listed under ARRA Section 1605(b), OMB's regulation at 2 CFR 176.100 and the aforementioned EPA Headquarters Memorandum of April 28, 2009. ARRA Section 1605(b)(2) permits a waiver if "iron, steel, and manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality." This waiver request meets this criterion and is justified.

The March 31, 2009, Delegation of Authority Memorandum provided Regional Administrators with the

authority to issue exceptions to Section 1605 of ARRA within the geographic boundaries of their respective regions and with respect to requests by individual grant recipients.

Having established both a proper basis to specify the particular good required for this project and that application of the *Buy American requirements* would be inconsistent with the public interest, the County is hereby granted a waiver from the *Buy American requirements*. Having established both a proper basis to specify the particular good required for this project, and that this manufactured good was not available from a producer in the United States, Hernando County Utilities Department is granted a waiver from the *Buy American requirements of Section 1605(a) of Public Law 111-5* for the purchase of four wafer swing check valves as specified in the County's request of July 02, 2010, with supplemental information provided on September 7, 2010. This supplementary information constitutes the detailed written justification required by Section 1605(c) for waivers "based on a finding under subsection 9b." requirements of Section 1605(a) of Public Law 111-5.

Authority: Pub. L. 111-5, section 1605.

Dated: December 20, 2010.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.

[Public Notice 2011-0015]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Final Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review and Comments Request.

Form Title: Application for Approved Finance Provider (EIB 10-06)

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Application for Approved Finance Provider will be used to determine if the finance provider has the financial strength and administrative staff to originate, administer, collect, and if needed, restructure international loans. This

application will also improve Ex-Im Bank's compliance with the Open Government initiative by providing transparency into specific information used to determine if an applicant is qualified to use our loan guarantee programs. Export-Import Bank potential finance providers will be able to submit this form on paper. In the future, we will consider allowing the submission of this information electronically.

This application can be viewed at http://www.exim.gov/pub/pending/EIB10_06.pfd.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before March 10, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on www.regulations.gov or by mail to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20038 attn: OMB 3048-NEW.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles and Form Number: EIB 10-06 Application for Approved Finance Provider.

OMB Number: 3048-xxxx.

Type of Review: New.

Need and Use: The Application for Approved Finance Provider will be used to determine the financial and administrative capabilities of a financial provider who will arrange, fund and administer international loans.

Annual Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 hours.

Government Annual Burden Hours: 8 hours.

Frequency of Reporting or Use: As needed.

Sharon A. Whitt,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 11-179]

Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission released a public notice announcing the meeting and agenda of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the NANC's next meeting and agenda.

DATES: Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 9:30 a.m.