

manganese removal in the remaining two filter beds.

Detailed evaluation of all of the submitted documentation by, and extensive discussions among EPA's technical review team, the EPA program office, and EPA's national contractor established that the Maine Drinking Water Program, in the MEDHHS, would require replacement of the existing underdrain and associated piping if either of the other two filter media that were pilot tested—one of which may be domestically-produced—were used in the project. This would result in an increase in the project cost from \$40,019 to \$86,405 for the two filter beds. Due to the existing backwash piping configuration, a lower backwash rate is needed which could be attained by the GreensandPlus filter media without replacement of the underdrain or piping.

The Maine Drinking Water Program is the primary enforcement authority responsible for ensuring that all Public Water Systems (PWS) in the State regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act comply with all National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR). Implementation of the determination by such an authority that specific facility configurations or operating conditions are required for compliance with NPDWRs is obligatory for a PWS.

Thus, the use of domestic filter media would require replacement of the underdrain and associated piping which would double the cost of the project. In addition, the evaluation of the supporting documentation also demonstrated that the foreign filter media will be able to meet the proposed project design and specifications with no additional cost to the Town.

Furthermore, the purpose of the ARRA is to stimulate economic recovery by funding current infrastructure construction, not to delay or require the substantial redesign of projects that are "shovel ready," such as this project of the Old Town Water District. The imposition of ARRA Buy American requirements in this case would result in unreasonable additional cost for this project and substantial delay in its completion. Such delay would also directly conflict with a fundamental economic purpose of ARRA, which is to create or retain jobs.

The Municipal Assistance Unit (CMU) has reviewed this waiver request and has determined that the supporting documentation provided by the Town established a proper basis to specify that using the domestic manufactured good would be inconsistent with the public interest of the Town. The MEDHHS concluded that using a domestic filter

media would require replacement of the underdrain and associated piping and subsequently significantly increase the project cost. The information provided is sufficient to meet the following criteria listed under Section 1605(b)(1) of the ARRA and in the April 28, 2009 Memorandum: Applying these requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest.

The March 31, 2009 Delegation of Authority Memorandum provided Regional Administrators with the temporary authority to issue exceptions to Section 1605 of the 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 using a domestically available alternative manufactured good would be inconsistent with the public interest of the Town, the Old Town Water District is hereby granted a waiver from the Buy American requirements of Section 1605(a) of Public Law 111-5. This waiver permits use of ARRA funds for the purchase of GreensandPlus filter media for two 12 foot diameter filters documented in the Town's waiver request submittal dated November 9, 2009. This supplementary information constitutes the detailed written justification required by Section 1605(c) for waivers based on a finding under subsection (b).

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

Dated: February 12, 2010.

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.

[Public Notice 139]

### 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:** Report of Premiums Payable for Financial Institutions Only (EIB 92-30).

**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.

We have made the following changes to this application:

a. Under "Obligo Types" we have added "Financial Institution" as an option;

b. Under "Obligo Types" we have deleted "Eximbank Sole Risk" as an option;

c. Under "Terms" we have added "CAD or SDDP";

d. Under "Terms" we have deleted "Sight Payments (non-letter of credit)";

e. Under "Terms" we have changed "1-60 Days" to "1-30 Days" as an option;

f. Under "Terms" we have added "31-60 Days" as an option;

g. Under "Terms" we have changed "61-120 Days" to "61-90 Days" as an option; and

h. Under "Terms" we have added "91-120 Days" as an option.

Our customers will be able to submit this form on paper or electronically. The information collected enables the applicant to provide Ex-Im Bank with the information necessary to record custom utilization and management prospective insurance liability relative to risk premiums received.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before (60 days after publication) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically on <http://www.regulations.gov> or by mail to Arnold Chow, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20571.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles and Form Number:* EIB 92-30.

*Report of Premiums Payable for*

*Financial Institutions Only.*

*OMB Number:* 3048-0021.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Need and Use:* The information collected enables the applicant to provide Ex-Im Bank with the information necessary to record custom utilization and management prospective insurance liability relative to risk premiums received.

*Affected Public:* This form affects entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services.

*Annual Number of Respondents:* 150.  
*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Government Annual Burden Hours:* 450.

*Frequency of Reporting or Use:* Monthly.

**Sharon A. Whitt,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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