

approach was considered the best approach to enhance safety in the event one (or both) fitted anchors are lost in an emergency situation. Use of superior holding power anchors was subsequently approved by ABS as long as the anchor was sufficiently tested, proven, and held an ABS class certificate. ABS allows up to a 25 percent reduction in weight (4,500 lbs each) for a total weight savings of over a ton.

The shipyard's market research included an ABS web based data search for superior holding power anchors. Approximately forty three (43) companies world-wide were identified that manufacture ABS approved anchors of superior holding anchors. Of these, only two (2) were U.S. manufacturers. Neither company produced an anchor of the correct size that will fit in the ARRV's anchor pocket. The pocket cannot be made larger because of the specialized hull shape of the ice-breaking bow as described above.

The project's conclusion is that there are no U.S. manufacturers who produce suitable superior holding power balanced anchors that meet all of the ARRV requirements, so an exemption from the Buy American requirements is necessary.

In the absence of a domestic supplier that could provide requirements-compliant superior holding power anchors, UAF requested that NSF issue a Section 1605 exemption determination with respect to the purchase of foreign-supplied, requirements-compliant superior holding power balanced anchors, so that the vessel will meet the specific design and technical requirements that, as explained above, are necessary for this vessel to be able to perform its mission successfully. Furthermore, the shipyard's market research indicated that superior holding power balanced anchors compliant with the ARRV's technical specifications and requirements are commercially available from foreign vendors within their standard product lines.

NSF's Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS) and other NSF program staff reviewed the UAF exemption request submittal, found that it was complete, and determined that sufficient technical information was provided in order for NSF to evaluate the exemption request and to conclude that an exemption is needed and should be granted.

III. Exemption

On February 15, 2012, based on the finding that no domestically produced superior holding power balanced anchors met all of the ARRV's technical

specifications and requirements and pursuant to section 1605(b), the NSF Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with a delegation order from the Director of the agency signed on May 27, 2010, granted a limited project exemption of the Recovery Act's Buy American requirements with respect to the procurement of superior holding power balanced anchors.

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Lawrence Rudolph,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Proposal Review Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson, Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov>. This information may also be requested by telephoning, 703/292-8182.

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Susanne Bolton,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2012-0047]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Emergency Clearance Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request for emergency review to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment about our intention to request emergency review and OMB approval of the information collection that is summarized below. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR 1320.13. This is necessary to ensure compliance with requirements in Section 402 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, “* * *” We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information as stated in 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(iii).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* New.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3 and 93, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Event.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* Not applicable.