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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2008 0006]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel KIPANY.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105–383 and Public Law 107–295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2008 0006 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Public Law 105–383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2008–0006. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21–203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–5979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel KIPANY is:

*Intended Use:* “Uninspected passenger vessel/charter.”

*Geographic Region:* “Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and the USVI.”

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By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Christine Gurland,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Assistance to Small Shipyards Grant Program

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

**ACTION:** Amendment to Notice of Establishment of New Grant Program.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 20.814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean E. McKeever, Associate Administrator for Business and Workforce Development, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; phone: (202) 366–5737; fax: (202) 366–3511; or e-mail: [jean.mckeever@dot.gov](mailto:jean.mckeever@dot.gov).

**Background:** By notice in the **Federal Register** dated January 10, 2008 (Vol. 73, No. 7, PP. 1912–1913), the Maritime Administration announced the establishment of a new grant program to provide assistance to small shipyards. The notice stated that the grants are for “\* \* \* capital improvements, and related infrastructure improvements at qualified shipyards that will facilitate the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and quality of domestic ship construction for commercial and Federal Government use.” The notice also specified information that should be provided in a grant application. Item No. 4 asks in part for information as to how the proposed project “\* \* \* will facilitate the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and quality of domestic ship construction for commercial and Federal Government use.” Item No. 7 asks for “most recent audited financial statements.”

**Amendment:** In order to properly reflect the scope of Congressional intent in authorizing the small shipyard assistance program in Section 3506 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Pub. L. 109–163), the description of the grant program set