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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

**[Public Notice 46]**

## Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved collection described below. A request for public comment was published in 66 FR No. 85, 21976, May 2, 2001. No comments were received. This notice is soliciting comments for members of the public concerning the proposed information collection to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) minimize the burden of collection of information for those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 31, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and recommendations concerning the submission should be sent to Mr. David Rostker, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB, Room 10202, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of these submissions and any additional information may be obtained from Carlista D. Robinson, Export-Import Bank of the U.S., 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Rm. 764, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565–3351.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title & Form Number:* Ex-Im Bank Letter of Interest Application—EIB Form 95–9.

*OMB Number:* 3048–0005.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement without charge, of a previously approved collection.

*Need and Use:* The information requested enables the applicant to provide Ex-Im Bank with the information necessary to determine eligibility for an indicative offer of support under the loan and guarantee programs.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Respondents:* Entities involved in the provision of financing or arranging or financing for foreign buyers of U.S. exports.

*Estimated Annual Respondents:* 960.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 20 Minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 310 *.

*Frequency of Response:* When applying for a Letter of Interest.

Dated: June 25, 2001.

**Carlista D. Robinson,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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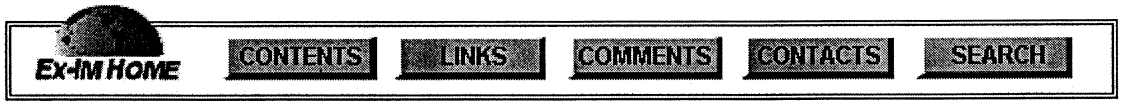


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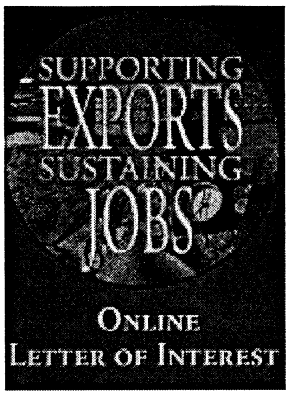


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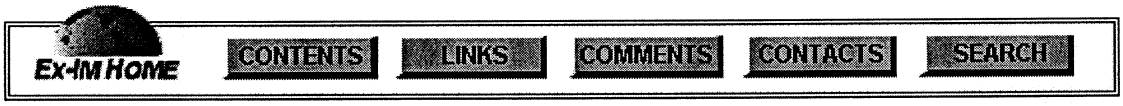


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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### 1. APPLICANT

**The "applicant" may be any responsible individual, financial institution or non-financial enterprise.**

☐ Check if applicant has been assisted by a city or state export agency and provide the name of the agency:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Applicant Name: | | Duns #: | |
| Contact Person: | | Phone #: | |
| Position Title: | | Fax #: | |
| Street Address: | | City: | |
| State/Province: | | Postal Code: | |
| Country: | | Taxpayer ID: | |

### 2. EXPORTER

**The "exporter" is the company which contracts with the buyer for the sale of the U.S. goods and services.**

☐ Check if the exporter is also the applicant. If not, complete the information below.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Exporter Name: | | Duns #: | |
| Street Address: | | Phone #: | |
| City: | | State: | |
| Postal Code: | | Taxpayer ID: | |

### 3. SUPPLIER

**The "supplier" is the U.S. company which manufactures the goods and/or performs the services to be exported.**

☐ Check if the supplier is also the exporter.

☐ Check if the supplier is not determined.

If neither applies, fill in the same information for the primary supplier as requested above for the exporter. Information on additional suppliers is not required for an LI.

### 4. BORROWER

**The "borrower" is the company which agrees to repay the Ex-Im Bank direct or guaranteed loan.**

☐ **Public Sector** Check if the borrower is at least 50% directly or indirectly owned by a government.

☐ **Private Sector** Check if the borrower is less than 50% owned by a government.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Contact Person: | | Fax #: | |
| Borrower Name: | | Duns #: | |
| Street Address: | | City: | |
| State/Province: | | Postal Code: | |
| Country: | | | |

### 5. BUYER and END-USER

**The "buyer" is the company which contracts with the exporter for the purchase of the U.S. goods and services. The "end-user" is the foreign company which utilizes the U.S. goods and services in its business.**

☐ Check if the borrower, buyer, and end-user are not the same entity. If box is checked, fill in the same information for the buyer and end-user as requested above for the borrower.

### 6. EXPORT ITEMS

**The "export items" are the goods and services to be exported from the U.S.**

☐ 6a. **Large Aircraft.** Check if the export items include aircraft which, in a passenger configuration, contain more than 70 seats. If box is checked, complete ***ATTACHMENT A.***

☐ 6b. **Military.** Check if the buyer is associated in ***any*** way with the military, if ***any*** export items are to be used by the military, or if ***any*** export items are defense articles or have a military application.

☐ 6c. **Limited Recourse Project Finance.** Check if you want a Letter of Interest issued by the Project Finance Division and include a 1-2 page ***PROJECT SUMMARY.*** Indicate the total project costs:

6d. **Description of Export Items.** Briefly describe the principal goods and services, include the ***type, quantity, model number and capacity (if applicable), and SIC Code.*** For an aircraft transaction, include a description of the engines.

6e. **Utilization of Export Items.** Briefly describe the principal business activity of the ***end-user.*** If the export items are to be used in a project, also provide the name, location, purpose, and scope of the project.

## 7. FINANCING TYPE REQUESTED

**Check applicable box(es). You may request both a direct loan and a guarantee. If both financing options are acceptable to Ex-Im Bank, they will be indicated in the LI as options. Refer to *Attachment A* if the transaction involves the export of new large aircraft.**

☐ Direct Loans

☐ Comprehensive Guarantee

☐ Political Risk Guarantee

## 8. CONTRACT PRICE

**The "contract price" is the *amount to be shown in the supplier's invoice related to goods to be exported from the U.S. and services to be performed by U.S. companies.* If there is more than one supplier, the contract price is the sum of the suppliers' invoice amounts. The "eligible foreign content" is the portion of the contract price representing components to be purchased by the supplier outside the U.S. and *incorporated in the U.S. into the items to be exported.* Costs to be incurred in the end-user's country are not considered eligible foreign content. Note that the eligible foreign content, if any, is part of the contract price.**

Contract Price $:

Eligible Foreign Content $:

## 9. FOREIGN COMPETITION

☐ Check, if, to the best of your knowledge, there is at least one entity offering non-U.S. goods and/or services in ***direct*** competition for this specific export sale.

## 10. OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

☐ Check if an application for support of this export contract or related project has been filed with the Agency for International Development, Maritime Administration, Overseas Private Investment Corporation or Trade Development Agency.

## 11. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

If 85% of the contract price exceeds $10,000,000, complete ***ATTACHMENT B.*** Attachment B is not required for aircraft transactions.

## 12. TIED AID CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

If you want Ex-Im Bank to preclude or counter a tied aid offer, complete ***ATTACHMENT C.***

## 13. CERTIFICATIONS

The undersigned certifies that the facts stated and the representations made in this application and any attachments to this application are true, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief after due diligence, and that the applicant has not omitted any material facts.

The undersigned further certifies that it is not currently, nor has it been within the preceding three years: 1) debarred, suspended or declared ineligible from participating in any Federal program; 2) formally proposed for debarment, with a final determination still pending; 3) voluntarily excluded from participation in a Federal transaction; or 4) indicted, convicted or had a civil judgement rendered against it for any of the offenses listed in the Regulations Governing Debarment and Suspension (Governmentwide Nonprocurement Debarment and

Suspension Regulations: Common Rule), 53 fed. Reg. 19204 (1988).

Applicant (company) Name:

Name/Title of Authorized Officer:

Signature of Authorized Officer: Date:

Payment, payable to the Export-Import Bank of the U.S, must accompany application; please indicate:

☐ Visa

☐ Mastercard

☐ Check

Account #: Expiration Date:

Signature:

**Ex-Im Bank would be pleased to assist you in applying for financial support. If you have any questions, please contact the Credit Applications and Processing Unit at 202-565-3800.**

Taxpayer Identifying Numbers: Ex-Im Bank intends to use the taxpayer identifying numbers furnished on this application for purposes of collecting and reporting on any claims arising out of such persons' or business entities' relationships with the U.S. government.

Public Burden Statement: Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary data, providing the information required, and reviewing the final collection. Send comments on the accuracy of this estimate of the burden and recommendations for reducing it to: Office of Management and Budget, paperwork Reduction Project (#3048-0004), Washington, D.C. 20503.

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**LETTER OF INTEREST APPLICATION**
ATTACHMENT A: Large Aircraft Transactions

1. **Financing Type Requested.** Three financing options are available for ***new*** large aircraft transactions under the Large Aircraft Sector Understanding (LASU), contained in the OECD Arrangement. Check the option(s) you are requesting. For ***used*** large aircraft transactions, complete No. 7 of the *Letter of Interest Application*

   ☐ **Option 1:** An Ex-Im Bank guarantee for up to 85% of the contract price.

   ☐ **Option 2:** An Ex-Im Bank guarantee for 42.5% of the contract price coupled with an Ex-Im Bank direct loan at the applicable LASU interest rate for 42.5% of the contract price. The Ex-Im Bank direct loan is repaid during the later maturities.

   ☐ **Option 3:** An Ex-Im Bank guarantee for 22.5% of the contract price coupled with an Ex-Im Bank direct loan at the applicable LASU interest rate for 62.5% of the contract price. The Ex-Im Bank guaranteed loan and direct loan are repaid on a pari-passu basis.

2. **Spare Parts Financing.** Indicate in No. 6d. of the *Letter of Interest Application* if any spare parts or spare engines are included in the export sale. Provide the requested information on these items.

3. **Transaction Information.** Include with your application a background summary on the airline, the reason for the purchase, proposed routes, and delivery dates. This information replaces the information requested in No. 6e. of the *Letter of Interest Application*

4. **Contract Price.** If credit memoranda information is available, deduct all airframe and engine credit memoranda, if any, from the aircraft price when calculating the contract price to be entered in No. 8a. of the *Letter of Interest Application*

**If you have questions about this attachment, please contact the Aircraft Finance Division (Telephone: 202-565-3550 or Fax: 202-565-3558).**

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**LETTER OF INTEREST APPLICATION**
ATTACHMENT B: Ex-Im Bank Environmental Screening Document

**Limited Recourse Project Financing and Long-Term Programs Only**

Ex-Im Bank will screen project finance and long-term transactions into three categories, as defined in Ex-Im Bank *Environmental Procedures*. The information you provide will help Ex-Im Bank to determine the proper category for your application. This information is crucial to the appropriate and timely review of your application. Check the boxes that apply to your application.

1. **Project Identification.**

☐ Check if the goods and/or services described in your application are destined for an identified project.

If checked, identify the project: _____

If not checked, explain: _____

_____

2. **Project Location.** Is the project located in or sufficiently near to have perceptible environmental effects in any of the following areas? Check all that apply.

☐ Tropical Forest
☐ Nationally designated wetlands or protected wildlands
☐ National parks
☐ Nationally designated refuges
☐ Coral reefs or mangrove swamps
☐ Nationally designated seashore areas
☐ Habitat of endangered species
☐ Large scale resettlement (How many persons? _____)
☐ Properties on the World Heritage List

3. **Project Sector or Industry.** Which classification describes the project for which the exports are destined? Check all that apply.

☐ Airport construction
☐ Chemical plant
☐ Forestry
☐ Geothermal Power
☐ Hydropower plant
☐ Iron & steel plant
☐ Large infrastructure project
☐ Large-scale water reservoir
☐ Mining & mineral processing plant
☐ Nuclear power plant
☐ Oil & gas field development
☐ Petrochemical plant or refinery
☐ Pharmaceutical project
☐ Pulp & paper plant
☐ Smelter
☐ Thermal power plant
☐ Waste management
☐ Air traffic control systems or navigational aids
☐ Consulting services
☐ Hospitals and medical equipment
☐ Pre-project services (feasibility & environmental studies)
☐ Railway signaling
☐ Telecommunications or satellites
☐ Transportation carriers (aircraft, locomotives, boats)
☐ Other (describe) _____

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

**If you have questions about this attachment, please contact the Engineering and Environment Division (Telephone: 202-565-3570 or Fax: 202-565-3584).**

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**LETTER OF INTEREST APPLICATION**
ATTACHMENT C: Tied Aid Capital Projects Fund

1. ☐ Check if you are requesting appropriate Ex-Im Bank support to preclude or counter foreign tied aid offers.

2. ☐ Check if one or more foreign governments are offering, or planning to offer, unusually long repayment periods, unusually low interest rates, and/or mixed grant-credit financing for ***the specific contract for which Ex-Im Bank support is sought*** Attach available documentary evidence of a foreign tied aid credit offer. If such evidence is not available, specify your reasons for suspecting foreign tied aid.

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3. ☐ Check if you authorize Ex-Im Bank to ask the OECD Secretariat to issue a confidential "no aid" common line request to OECD member governments. Acceptance of this request would preclude future foreign and U.S. aid financing for the project.

4. ☐ Check if you believe that loss of this contract will jeopardize follow-on sales opportunities for similar sales in the same market. Provide the type and estimated value of potential follow-on sales.

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5. Provide the following information, if known, for each foreign government's tied aid offer.

| | Foreign Offer #1 | Foreign Offer #2 |
|---|---|---|
| Donor government | | |
| Foreign exporters supported | | |
| Total offer amount | | |
| Currency of offer | | |
| Credit portion amount | | |
| Credit portion interest rate | | |
| Credit portion grace period | | |
| Credit portion repayment period | | |
| Grant portion, if any | | |

**If you have questions about this attachment, please contact the Business Development Division (Telephone: 202-565-3900 or Fax: 202-565-3931).**

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## LETTER OF INTEREST APPLICATION

ATTACHMENT D: PROJECT FINANCE TRANSACTIONS, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ex-Im Bank's analysis of potential limited recourse project finance transactions differs from routine export trade finance transactions. Therefore, we require additional information from applicants for a Project Finance Letter of Interest. Please provide the information outlined below to the best of your ability. It is highly recommended that you provide as much information as possible at this stage of the application process.

1. **Project Name and/or Company:**

_____

2. **Type of Project:**

_____

3. **Project Location (including Country):**

_____

4. **Brief Project Description:**

_____

_____

_____

_____

5. **Project Participants:**
   a) **Sponsors**

   _____

   b) **EPC Contractor**

   _____

   c) **Project Input Supplier(s)**

   _____

   d) **Off-taker(s)**

   _____

6. **Estimated Debt/Equity:**

_____

7. **Other Potential Financing Sources:**

_____

8. **Is this an international tender?**

   **Yes** _____ **No** _____ **Bid due date** _____

9. **Estimated Project Timeframe (e.g. financial close, construction start date, etc.)**

_____

_____

10. **Project Status (e.g. signed EPC contract, status of offtake contract, etc.)**

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