DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2011–0154]

Stakeholders Meeting Regarding Ready Reserve Force (RRF) Ship Manager Contract Program

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MarAd) announces that it will hold a public outreach listening session on December 7, 2011 to gather input for consideration of possible changes to the Ship Manager Contract requirements for maintaining and operating MarAd Ready Reserve Force vessels. The topics to be discussed at the listening session will include:

- Ship Owner/Operator requirement.
- 12-ship award limit.
- Definition of Ship Manager ''business entity''.
- Citizenship requirements—46 CFR 315 and 46 U.S.C. 802(a) and 802(b), U.S. Citizen vs. Documented Citizen.
- The relative importance of Technical, Past Performance and Price Evaluation Factors.
- Ship Manager as Agent vs. Independent contractor issues.
- Consideration of participation in Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement, Maritime Security Program, or Tanker Emergency Preparedness Agreement.
- Small business, sub-contracting vs. joint venture structure of Ship Manager.
- Re-assignment of ships during contract performance.
- Incentives for Cost Saving Methods in Program Management, Ship Costs, Green Initiatives.
- Limited Scope Ship Management Contract for State Maritime Academy Schoolships.

The meeting is open to the public. Due to space constraints, participation is limited to two (2) representatives per company/organization. Advanced registration is recommended. The DOT building at 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE. has security entrance requirements. All personnel will be escorted. The public meeting will be held at a site accessible to individuals with disabilities. To register, interested parties should send their name, title, and company affiliation to Rilla Gaither at *Rilla.Gaither@dot.gov* by close of business Monday, December 5, 2011.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in the Conference Center at the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Additional meetings, if deemed necessary, may be held on the West or Gulf Coast, and will be identical in terms of agenda and purpose.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general background information or technical information, contact Rilla Gaither, Office of the Associate Administrator for National Security, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590 or by email to *RRFSMC@dot.gov.*

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: December 2, 2011.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket No. MARAD–2011 0153]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel OCEAN VUE 1; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2011–0153. 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, Email *Joann.Spittle@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel OCEAN VUE 1 is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: ''glass bottom boat tour.''

Geographic Region: ''Florida.''

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2011–0153 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 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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.

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: December 1, 2011.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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