



Federal Maritime Commission
Washington, D.C. 20573 - 0001

Office of the Chairman

March 28, 2006

The Honorable Russell D. Feingold
United States Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feingold:

Section 641 of The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 requires the head of each Federal agency to report to Congress on the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States, and on whether any waivers of the requirements contained in the Buy American Act had been granted with respect to such articles, materials or supplies, and to provide a summary of the total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured in the United States versus funds spent on goods manufactured outside of the United States. This letter serves as the Federal Maritime Commission's ("Commission's") report for fiscal year 2005.

As reported to the Federal Procurement Data Center, the Commission obligated \$197,077 between October 1, 2004, and September 30, 2005, on goods under the different manufacturing categories. All were acquired through GSA Schedules and the contracts of other Federal agencies. Those agencies require compliance with the Buy American Act requirements in their review process. The Commission trusts that the ongoing monitoring efforts of those large agencies ensure that procurements made through these processes satisfy the Buy American Act requirements. We will cooperate with those agencies in the future to undertake any actions deemed appropriate to assist their monitoring activities. The Commission has no independent knowledge regarding whether those large agencies entered into contracts in fiscal year 2005 to acquire items manufactured outside the United States, nor whether they granted waivers in fiscal year 2005 with respect to contracts for articles, materials or supplies under the Buy American Act, nor whether any of the funds spent by the Commission through those agencies were spent on foreign manufactured goods during fiscal year 2005.

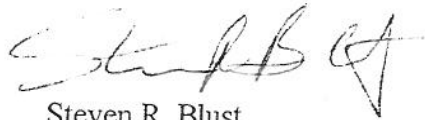
Copies of this report also are being distributed to the Senate Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, and to the House Transportation, Treasury, HUD, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee.

Section 641 requires that each Federal agency submitting a report shall make the report publicly available to the maximum extent practicable. In compliance with this provision, the

Commission will place the report on the its website at www.fmc.gov.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bruce A. Dombrowski, the Commission's Director of Administration, at (202) 523-5800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Blust", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven R. Blust
Chairman

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