

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

[Docket No. MARAD-2008 0092]

**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 THE WEALTH GROUP.

**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.

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2008-0092 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 (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 October 31, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2008-0092. 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 THE WEALTH GROUP is:

*Intended Use:* "Local Day Charter."  
*Geographic Region:* "Southern California."

**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: September 25, 2008.

**Leonard Sutter,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund**

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) inviting applications for the FY 2009 funding round of the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program.

*Announcement Type:* Initial announcement of funding opportunity.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 21.020

**DATES:** Application deadlines for the FY 2009 funding round of the NACA Program (hereafter, the FY 2009 Funding Round) are as follows: (i) If you wish to apply for Financial Assistance (FA) and/or Technical Assistance (TA) funding, your funding application must be received by midnight, Eastern Time (ET), Friday, December 19, 2008; and (ii) if you wish to apply for CDFI certification, your certification application must be received by midnight, ET, Monday, November 3, 2008.

TABLE 1—FY 2009 NACA PROGRAM DEADLINES

[All midnight, ET deadlines]

Application type	Application deadline	Last date to contact fund staff
Native CDFI Certification Application .....	Monday, November 3, 2008 .....	Wednesday, October 29, 2008.
NACA Program Funding Application .....	Friday, December 19, 2008 .....	Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

*Executive Summary:* Subject to funding availability, this NOFA is issued in connection with the FY 2009 funding round of the NACA Program.

**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

A. Through the NACA Program, the CDFI Fund provides: (i) FA awards to CDFIs that have at least 50 percent of their activities directed toward serving Native American, Alaskan Native and/or Native Hawaiian Communities (Native CDFIs) that have Comprehensive

Business Plans for creating demonstrable community development impact through the deployment of credit, capital, and financial services within their respective Target Markets or the expansion into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or Other Targeted Populations, and (ii) TA grants to Native CDFIs, entities proposing to become Native CDFIs, and to Native organizations, Tribes and Tribal organizations that propose to create

Native CDFIs (Sponsoring Entities), in order to build the Native CDFIs' capacity to better address the community development and capital access needs of their existing or proposed Target Markets and/or to become certified Native CDFIs.

B. The regulations governing the CDFI Program are found at 12 CFR Part 1805 (the Regulations) and provide guidance on evaluation criteria and other requirements of the NACA Program. The Fund encourages Applicants to review