

The WIFIA selection criteria are divided into three categories: Project Readiness, Borrower Creditworthiness, and Project Impact. Each LOI will be evaluated for the extent to which the project satisfies the criteria listed below for each category. To satisfy the overall category review, it is not necessary to satisfy all criteria for each category. For the Project Impact category, WIFIA staff will score LOIs based on the points indicated below. All projects that satisfy category-level review for all three categories will be selected for funding, assuming sufficient funds are still available. The criteria are as follows:

Project Readiness:

(i) The readiness of the project to proceed toward development, including a demonstration by the obligor that there is a reasonable expectation that the contracting process for construction of the project can commence by not later than 90 days after the date on which a Federal credit instrument is obligated for the project under WIFIA.

(ii) Preliminary engineering feasibility analysis.

Borrower Creditworthiness:

(i) The likelihood that assistance under WIFIA would enable the project to proceed at an earlier date than the project would otherwise be able to proceed.

(ii) The extent to which the project financing plan includes public or private financing in addition to assistance under WIFIA.

(iii) The extent to which assistance under WIFIA reduces the contribution of Federal assistance to the project.

(iv) The amount of budget authority required to fund the Federal credit instrument made available under WIFIA.

(v) Preliminary determination of prospective borrower and project creditworthiness.

Project Impact:

(i) **10 points:** The extent to which the project is nationally or regionally significant, with respect to the generation of economic and public benefits, such as (1) the reduction of flood risk; (2) the improvement of water quality and quantity, including aquifer recharge; (3) the protection of drinking water, including source water protection; and (4) the support of international commerce.

(ii) **15 points:** The extent to which the project (1) protects against extreme weather events, such as floods, hurricanes or drought; or (2) helps maintain or protect the environment, including Priority D.

(iii) **5 points:** The extent to which the project serves regions with significant

energy exploration, development, or production areas.

(iv) **10 points:** The extent to which a project serves regions with significant water resource challenges, including the need to address: (1) water quality concerns in areas of regional, national, or international significance; (2) water quantity concerns related to groundwater, surface water, or other water sources; (3) significant flood risk; (4) water resource challenges identified in existing regional, state, or multistate agreements; or (5) water resources with exceptional recreational value or ecological importance.

(v) **5 points:** The extent to which the project addresses identified municipal, state, or regional priorities.

(vi) **10 points:** The extent to which the project addresses needs for repair, rehabilitation or replacement of a treatment works, community water system, or aging water distribution or wastewater collection system.

(vii) **15 points:** The extent to which the project serves economically stressed communities, or pockets of economically stressed rate payers within otherwise non-economically stressed communities, including Priority A.

(viii) **15 points:** The extent to which the project reduces exposure to lead in the nation's drinking water systems or addresses emergent contaminants, including Priorities B and C.

(ix) **15 points:** The extent to which the project uses new or innovative approaches, including Priority E.

The scoring scales and guidance used to evaluate each project against the selection criteria are available in the WIFIA program handbook. Prospective borrowers considering WIFIA should review the WIFIA program handbook and discuss how the project addresses each of the selection criteria in the LOI submission.

IX. Federal Requirements

All projects receiving WIFIA assistance must comply with the applicable Federal requirements. Compliance with Federal requirements is not required for submitting a letter of interest, being invited to apply for a WIFIA loan, or submitting an application. The WIFIA program will review selected projects for compliance with Federal requirements once they have submitted an application. Additional information about Federal compliance requirements is available in the WIFIA program handbook and at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia/wifia-federal-compliance-requirements>.

X. Opportunities To Learn More About the WIFIA Program

EPA hosts regular outreach events and monthly office hours to provide further information about submitting an LOI. The outreach schedule and registration instructions can be found on the WIFIA program website: www.epa.gov/wifia.

Prospective borrowers with questions about the program or interest in meeting with the WIFIA program staff may send a request to wifia@epa.gov. EPA will meet with all prospective borrowers interested in discussing the program prior to submission of an LOI.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 3901–3915; 40 CFR part 35.

Michael S. Regan,
Administrator.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EIB 92–79, Commissioned Broker Application Form

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), pursuant to the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, facilitates the finance of the export of U.S. goods and services. As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, EXIM invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 8, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on www.regulations.gov (EIB 92–79), by email to Jennifer Krause, jennifer.krause@exim.gov, or by mail to Jennifer Krause, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Jennifer Krause, jennifer.krause@exim.gov, 305.586.2022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This form is used by insurance brokers to register with EXIM and by EXIM to make a determination of the eligibility of the broker to receive commission payments under Export-Import Bank's credit insurance programs.

The form can be viewed at https://img.exim.gov/s3fs-public/pub/pending/eib92-79_2024_508.pdf.

Title and Form Number: EIB 92-79, Commissioned Broker Application Form.

OMB Number: 3048-0024.

Type of Review: Regular.

Need and Use: This form is used by insurance brokers to register with EXIM. The form provides EXIM staff with the information necessary to make a determination of the eligibility of the broker to receive commission payments under Export-Import Bank's credit insurance programs. Our customers will be able to submit this form on paper or electronically.

Affected Public: This form affects entities engaged in brokering export credit insurance policies.

Annual Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Reporting or Use: As needed.

Andrew Smith,
Records Officer.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice: 2024-6092]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EIB 92-27, Report of Overdue Accounts Under Short-Term Policies

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review and comments request.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 8, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on www.regulations.gov (EIB 92-27), by

email to Tom Fitzpatrick tom.fitzpatrick@exim.gov, or by mail to Tom Fitzpatrick, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information please contact Edward Coppola 202-565-3717.

The form can be viewed at https://img.exim.gov/s3fs-public/pub/pending/Report_of_Overdue_Accounts_eib92-27_2024_508.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: EIB 92-27, Report of Overdue Accounts Under Short-Term Policies.

OMB Number: 3048-0027.

Type of Review: Regular.

Need and Use: The collection provides EXIM staff with the information necessary to monitor the borrower's payments for exported goods covered under its short- and medium term export credit insurance policies. It also alerts Ex-Im Bank staff of defaults, so they can manage the portfolio in an informed manner.

Affected Public: This form affects entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services.

Annual Number of Respondents: 745.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 186.25 hours.

Frequency of Reporting or Use:

Monthly, until completed.

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Records Officer.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice: 2024-6091]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EIB 92-37 Beneficiary Certificate and Agreement for Use With Bank Letter of Credit Short Term Export Credit Insurance Policy, or Financial Institution Buyer Credit Insurance Policy

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 8, 2024, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on www.regulations.gov (EIB 92-37) or by email edward.coppola@exim.gov, or by mail to Edward Coppola, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Edward Coppola; edward.coppola@exim.gov; 202 565-3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application tool can be reviewed at: <https://img.exim.gov/s3fs-public/pub/pending/eib92-37.pdf>.

Title and Form Number: EIB 92-37 Beneficiary Certificate and Agreement for use with Bank Letter of Credit Short Term Export Credit Insurance Policy, or Financial Institution Buyer Credit Insurance Policy.

OMB Number: 3048-0022.

Type of Review: Regular.

Need and Use: This form is used when the beneficiary of the letter of credit, the recipient of a funding under a direct buyer credit loan, or the recipient of payment under a reimbursement loan or a payment under a supplier credit is not the exporter. If the need to use this form arises, the insured holds it in the event of a claim, at which time it would submit it to Export-Import Bank along with all other claim documentation. The form provides Export-Import Bank staff with the information necessary to determine the eligibility of the claimed export transaction for coverage.

Affected Public: This form affects entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services.

Annual Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 3.75 hours.

Frequency of Reporting or Use: As needed.

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Records Officer.

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