

1 “(4) NATIONAL DEFENSE FEATURES.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon receiving an ap-
3 plication for the construction of a vessel under
4 this section, the Maritime Administrator shall
5 submit to the Secretary of the Navy the plans
6 and specifications for the proposed vessel for re-
7 view.

8 “(B) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than
9 30 days after the date of receiving the plans
10 and specifications for a vessel as provided for
11 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of the
12 Navy may make recommendations to the Mari-
13 time Administrator for the design of the vessel,
14 which would enable the economical and speedy
15 conversion of the vessel into a vessel suitable
16 for use of the United States Government in
17 times of war or national emergency.

18 “(C) REQUIREMENT TO IMPLEMENT REC-
19 OMMENDATIONS.—If the Maritime Adminis-
20 trator agrees with such recommendations, the
21 Maritime Administrator may require the cov-
22 ered entity to carry out such recommendations
23 as a condition of receiving Federal financial as-
24 sistance under this section with respect to that
25 vessel.

1 “(5) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FINANCIAL AS-
2 SISTANCE PROGRAMS.—A covered entity may not re-
3 ceive financial assistance under this section for a
4 vessel which is enrolled in the Strategic Commercial
5 Fleet Program.

6 “(d) AWARD AMOUNTS.—

7 “(1) CONSTRUCTION OF A VESSEL OF THE
8 UNITED STATES.—For financial assistance related to
9 construction of a vessel of the United States, as de-
10 scribed in subsection (a)(1), the Maritime Adminis-
11 trator shall determine the appropriate amount and
12 funding for each type of financial assistance award
13 made under this section based on the difference in
14 the cost of constructing the proposed vessel within
15 the United States over the fair and reasonable esti-
16 mate of cost of the construction of that type of ves-
17 sel if it were constructed under similar plans and
18 specifications (excluding national defense features as
19 described in subsection (c)(4)) in a foreign ship-
20 building center that is deemed by the Administrator
21 to furnish a fair and representative example for the
22 determination of the estimated foreign cost of con-
23 struction of vessels of the type proposed to be con-
24 structed.