

1 “(II) commit to have modifica-
2 tions done in the United States to a
3 vessel constructed with such financial
4 assistance; or

5 “(III) propose the construction
6 or modification of a vessel to meet the
7 national security needs of the United
8 States; and

9 “(ii) for an application to incentivize a
10 qualified shipyard investment as described
11 in subsection (a)(2), give priority to appli-
12 cants that—

13 “(I) propose to expand produc-
14 tion capacity to enable more military
15 or commercial vessels to be con-
16 structed or repaired in the United
17 States;

18 “(II) commit to using new or
19 emerging technologies or vessel design
20 processes that increase production
21 times or lower production costs; or

22 “(III) have experience making
23 qualified shipyard investments or op-
24 erating shipyards for commercial or
25 military oceangoing vessels.