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**SCA APPLAUDS U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION FOR AWARDING
MORE THAN \$20 MILLION TO AMERICAN SHIPYARDS THROUGH
SMALL SHIPYARD GRANT PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON – **Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA)**, today applauded the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Transportation Secretary, Elaine L. Chao, and MARAD Administrator Mark Buzby, for awarding more than \$20 million in federal grants to provide support for capital and related improvements in small shipyards and training projects for workers in the shipbuilding industry throughout the United States.

“These grants are integral to fostering a highly trained and skilled workforce that are not only essential to the U.S. shipbuilding and repair industry but also to our country’s economy and national security. More efficient and sustainable shipyards are critical to maintaining a robust maritime sector that ensures the position of the United States throughout the world. We applaud the U.S. Maritime Administration for supporting small shipyards across our nation,” said **Matthew Paxton, president of SCA**.

The grants, provided through the Small Shipyard Grant Program, help eligible shipyards modernize operations, improve efficiency and reap the benefits of increased productivity by investing in emerging technologies and a highly skilled workforce. It has created more than 400,000 family-waged jobs and more than \$37 billion in U.S. GDP.

The following SCA member yards were awarded a combined **\$5,347,274** through the [Small Shipyard Grant Program](#):

Bollinger Shipyards, Lockport LLC in Lockport, LA
Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp. of Salisbury, MD
Fincantieri Marine Group LLC dba Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, WI
Gravois Aluminum Boats, LLC in Jeanerette, LA
Marine Hydraulics International, Inc. in Norfolk, VA
Master Boat Builders, Inc. in Bayou La Batre, AL
Sause Bros. Inc. dba Southern Oregon Marine, Inc. in Coos Bay, OR

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About the Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA)

SCA is national trade association representing the U.S. shipyard industry. SCA members constitute the shipyard industrial base that builds, repairs, maintains and modernizes U.S. Navy ships and craft, U.S. Coast Guard vessels of all sizes, as well as vessels for other U.S. government agencies. In addition, SCA members build, repair and service America's fleet of commercial vessels. The Council represents 41 companies that own and operate over 80 shipyards, with facilities on all three U.S. coasts, the Great Lakes, the inland waterways system, Alaska and Hawaii. SCA also represents 110 partner members that provide goods and services to the shipyard industry. Follow SCA on Facebook and Twitter @ShipbuildersUSA.