

# **Bollinger Shipyard LLC Agrees to Pay \$1,025,000 to Settle False Claims Act Allegations Involving Billing the Coast Guard for Employees Ineligible to Work in the United States**

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Bollinger Shipyard LLC (Bollinger), a Lockport, Louisiana, based company, has agreed to pay \$1,025,000 to resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by knowingly billing the U.S. Coast Guard for labor provided by workers who were not eligible to work in the United States.

Bollinger manufactures ships for the United States, including the Coast Guard's Fast Response Cutter (FRC). The United States alleged that, from 2015-2020, Bollinger knowingly billed the Coast Guard for labor prohibited under the FRC contracts. Specifically, the United States alleged that Bollinger was contractually required to confirm that its employees were eligible to work in the United States. The United States further alleges that Bollinger failed to comply with this requirement and, as a result, several ineligible employees worked on the contract. Further, the United States alleged that Bollinger billed the Coast Guard for the labor provided by the ineligible employees and received payment for those bills.

"It is essential to the safety and operational readiness of our fleet that contractors comply with all contractual requirements," said Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brian M. Boynton, head of the Justice Department's Civil Division. "We will continue to hold accountable those who knowingly disregard their contractual obligations."

"Companies that conduct business with the United States are required to do so in a legitimate manner," said U.S. Attorney Duane A. Evans for the Eastern District of Louisiana. "The favorable resolution of these False Claims Act allegations illustrates the collaboration and commitment by our federal partners to use all available remedies to address signs of fraud, waste and abuse."

"Today's settlement sends a clear message that contractors providing services to DHS programs will be held accountable for breaking the law," said Inspector General Joseph V. Cuffari Ph.D. of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). "DHS' Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) and our law enforcement partners will continue to prioritize protecting our national security from these kinds of schemes."

"The Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) is committed to continually working with all our law enforcement partners to protect and secure taxpayer funds and aggressively act to fully investigate allegations of false claims involving the Coast Guard," said Assistant Director William Hicks of CGIS.

Senior Trial Counsel Art J. Coulter of the Civil Division's Commercial Litigation Branch, Fraud Section, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra Lee Sears for the Eastern District of Louisiana handled the matter.

DHS OIG and CGIS assisted in the investigation.

*The claims resolved by the settlement are allegations only. There has been no determination of liability.*

## [Settlement](#)

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