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## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) -All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name <b>Blank Rome LLP</b>			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address <b>600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW</b> <b>11th Floor</b> City <b>Washington</b> State/Zip (or Country) <b>DC 20037</b>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name <b>Jennifer M. Southwick</b>	Telephone <b>202-944-3000</b>	E-mail (optional) <b>Southwick@BlankRome.com</b>	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <b>Bender Shipbuilding &amp; Repair Co., Inc.</b>			6. House ID #

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  >> Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. No Lobbying

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<p><b>INCOME</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> &gt;&gt; \$ <u>\$20,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p><b>EXPENSES</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> &gt;&gt; \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6033 of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/8/2003

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Registrant Name: **Blank Rome LLP**

Client Name: **Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Co., Inc.**

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

- 15. General issue area code **DEF** (one per page)
- 16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**Issues related to the conversion of the USNS ROY M. WHEAT**

- 17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None  
**Department of the Navy**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Senate**

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<b>Bannon, Brian A.</b>	
<b>Dyer, Andrew</b>	
<b>Keup, Wayne A.</b>	
<b>Leib, David</b>	

- 19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None

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15. General issue area code MAR (one per page)16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**Vessel financing issues**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted


 Check if None

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Blanton, E. Alex	
Drewry, James S.	Democratic General Counsel, Senate Commerce Com
Ellis II, James B.	
Grasso, Jeanne M.	Prof. Staff, Merchant Marine and Fisheries Comm.
Shehadeh, Karim	
Smith III, Duncan C.	Chief Counsel, Merchant Marine and Fisheries Con
Southwick, Jennifer M.	Staff Asst., Transportation & Infrastructure Comm

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

 Check if None

Signature  Date 01/01/2003

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