

proposal narrative is limited to fifteen pages single-spaced or thirty pages double spaced, and the benefits statement can range from five to as much as twelve pages at the submitter's discretion.

Progress Reports

Each project research team is expected to file annual progress reports and agrees to submit a final project report called a Post Project Certification (PPC). The annual progress reports vary in length and content and have no fixed format. The Post Project Certification follows a fixed format and is initially generated as a template by the project management system.

II. Method of Collection

User Account. Individuals create a user account on the CES Project Management System by visiting the CES Web site (<http://www.ces.census.gov/index/php>) and click on the "Register" link on the front page. A template appears which requests contact information from the respondent, including name, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone, professional affiliation, and citizenship. Some fields are required and others are voluntary. The information is retained in the system database and periodically modified by authorized CES staff when needed for activating the user's status on an approved research project. Users can update their contact information in their account at any time.

Research Project Information Template. Individuals with valid user accounts may create a research project entry in the system by clicking on the link "Start a New Proposal." This action opens a template where the user enters required information about a research project he or she wishes to carry out at a Census Bureau Research Data Center (RDC). The first page consists of a six-item prerequisite checklist to which the user must agree before being allowed to proceed to the next page. The second page requests the following information: project title, requested duration in months, funding source, Research Data Center, research personnel (selected from a list of current user accounts), brief project description, requested research datasets supplied by Census, research datasets supplied by filer, proposed benefits (from checklist of 13 permitted) and a text box for additional information the filer wishes to include. The filer clicks on a continue button to move to a verification page. The filer can reset the form contents at any time. The filer then verifies the entered information and saves the project information to the database. The system

assigns a project number, and sets the project's status to NEW.

Research Proposal Documents.

- **Abstract**—A one-page document that summarizes the project's objectives, describes requested data, and lists proposed benefits to the Census Bureau.

- **Project Narrative**—Describes in detail the research question(s) to be addressed, Census Bureau and researcher supplied datasets to be used, a description of the research design (methodology, hypotheses, statistical models), expected duration and outcomes, source of funding, and a list of references cited in the text.

- **Benefits Statement**—Known formally as the Predominant Purpose Statement (PPS), this document is generated in draft form by the system. It is populated with some standard language, project title, Principle Investigator's name, preselected benefits, and a list of requested Census Bureau datasets. This document is editable by the submitter, primarily to expand upon the narrative statements associated with each proposed benefit.

- **Annual Progress Report**—Required for projects of three or more years in duration. Consists of a brief description of progress to date.

- **Post Project Certification**—This document is submitted following completion of the project and summarizes the project's findings in terms of benefits to the Census Bureau. It resembles the Predominant Purpose Statement in form and content except that it describes how and whether the project's proposed benefits were achieved. Census Bureau staff review this document and either certify it or send it back to the submitter for revision.

Approved research projects have an average duration of four years.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60 projects per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: 63 hours annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,780.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$173,625.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 9 and Section 23(c).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 10, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2012 Economic Census Classification Report for the Construction, Manufacturing, and Mining Sectors and Selected Wholesale Industries

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should

be directed to Scott P. Handmaker, Chief, Economic Classifications Operations Branch, U.S. Census Bureau, 8K149, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone: 301-763-7107 or e-mail at Scott.P.Handmaker@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector of timely, relevant and quality data describing the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during non-decennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13 U.S.C., is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the general public.

The Economic Census Classification Report (NC-99026) collects data on manufacturing, mining, construction, and selected wholesale businesses for the purpose of assigning an accurate 8-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) based code for use in the 2012 Economic Census. This report, conducted separately in fiscal years 2012 and 2013, samples approximately 75,000 businesses each year.

The Census Bureau will select establishments to receive this survey from the Census Bureau's Business Register. The Census Bureau will mail the NC-99026 to establishments that have been assigned a partial manufacturing, mining, or construction NAICS code by administrative records and from other categories of administrative codes that may be identified. Additionally, wholesale establishments currently classified in select industries will be sampled in order to verify correct classification due to changes in NAICS for 2012.

Collecting this classification information will ensure the Economic Census mailing list for the targeted sectors are complete and accurate prior to the mailing of the 2012 Economic Census. This information is also used to determine whether an establishment

will be mailed a form in the Economic Census, and if so, what form type. Many businesses are small and will not receive additional Economic Census forms, making this report the only medium by which to obtain an accurate 8-digit NAICS-based code. In other cases, the Census Bureau produces sample estimates. The results of this collection will be used to select a statistically reliable and efficient sample, minimizing the reporting burden on sampled sectors. Proper NAICS classification data ensures high quality economic statistics while reducing respondent burden and overall processing costs. Failure to collect this data will have an adverse effect on the quality and usefulness of economic information provided by the Census Bureau.

There are few changes since the last request was submitted to OMB in 2006. Selected wholesale industries will be added to verify proper NAICS classification. Also, changes will be made to the wording and organization of existing economic activity descriptions. Additionally, respondents will have the option to respond electronically via the Internet, which can reduce respondent burden and costs.

II. Method of Collection

Information is collected by mail, Internet, fax, and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0925.

Form Number: NC-99026.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and organizations (both profit and non-profit); State and local governments; small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$181,313.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 131, 193 and 224.

IV. Request for Comments

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of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below.

Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.