

data needed by the Federal Reserve Board.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, Sections 161 and 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([bharrisk@omb.eop.gov](mailto:bharrisk@omb.eop.gov)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights.

*Title:* Complaint of Employment Discrimination Used by Permanent Employees and Applicants for Employment at DOC and Complaint of Employment Discrimination for the Decennial Census.

*OMB Control Number:* 0690-0015.

*Form Number(s):* CD-498 and CD-498A.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 350.

*Number of Respondents:* 700.

*Average Time Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) regulations at 29 CFR 1614.106 requires that a person alleging discrimination treatment, based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and/or reprisal for

participation in equal employment opportunity activity, by a federal agency must submit a signed statement that is sufficiently precise to identify the general actions or practices that form the basis of the complaint. The proposed forms are used to collect the required information. The complaint form used by permanent employees and applicants for employment will be part of a regular complaint process. The Decennial Census complaint form, used only during a decennial census, is expected to be used until the end of 2011.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via e-mail at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, fax number (202) 395-7258 or via e-mail at [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### U.S. Census Bureau

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Annual Retail Trade Survey

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau.

**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 June 16, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto: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 John Trimble, U.S. Census Bureau, SSSD HQ-8K175, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746 at (301) 763-7223 (or via the Internet at [John.R.Trimble@census.gov](mailto:John.R.Trimble@census.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS) provides a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by other government agencies. It also provides continuing and timely national statistics on retail trade and accommodation and food services, augmenting the period between economic censuses, and is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951. The data collected are applicable to a variety of public and business needs and include annual sales and other operating receipts, e-commerce sales and other operating receipts, purchases, end-of-year inventories, accounts receivables, and operating expenses. Data items collected for accommodation and food services are annual receipts and e-commerce receipts. The estimates of purchased merchandise will be used to estimate trade margins on commodities sold in calculating the personal consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Accounts receivable balances are used by the Federal Reserve Board in measuring consumer credit. Businesses use these estimates to determine market share and to perform other analysis.

The ARTS sampling frame consists of all firms operating retail or accommodations and food service establishments within the U.S. whose probability of selection is determined by sales size. Estimates developed in the ARTS are used to benchmark the monthly sales and inventories series. The firms canvassed in this survey are not required to maintain additional records since carefully prepared estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.

Estimates produced from the ARTS are published on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis.

**II. Method of Collection**

ARTS data are collected through mail, fax, and telephone follow-up. In January 2006, we began offering the option to submit data over the Internet using the Census Taker system.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0013.

*Form Number:* SA-44, SA-44A, SA-44C, SA-44E, SA-44N, SA-44S, SA-45, SA-45C, SA-721A, SA-721E, SA-722A, and SA-722E.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 21,635.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 34 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12,260.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.

*Respondents Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 United States Code, Section 182, 224, and 225.

**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: April 10, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Economic Development Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection;  
Comment Request; Data Collection for  
Compliance With Government  
Performance and Results Act**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration.

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to William P. Kittredge, PhD, Senior Program Analyst, Program Evaluation Division, Room 7009, Economic Development Administration, Washington, DC 20230, or at e-mail [wkittredge@eda.doc.gov](mailto:wkittredge@eda.doc.gov) or telephone (202) 482-5442.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Economic Development Administration's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) accomplishes its mission by helping our partners across the nation (states, regions, and communities) create wealth and minimize poverty by promoting a favorable business environment to attract private capital investment and jobs through world-class capacity building, planning, infrastructure, research grants, and strategic initiatives.

EDA's strategic investments in public infrastructure and local capital markets provide lasting benefits for economically disadvantaged areas.

Acting as catalysts to mobilize public and private investments, EDA's investments address problems of high unemployment, low per capita income, and other forms of severe economic distress in local communities. EDA also provides special economic adjustment assistance to help communities and businesses respond to major layoffs, plant shutdowns, trade impacts, natural disasters, military facility closures, and other severe economic dislocations.

EDA must comply with the Government Performance and Results

Act of 1993 which requires Federal agencies to develop performance measures, and report to Congress and stakeholders the results of the agency's performance. EDA needs to collect specific data from grant recipients to report on its performance in meeting its stated goals and objectives.

**II. Method of Collection**

The forms can be submitted electronically or in paper format.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0610-0098.

*Form Number(s):* ED-915, ED-916, ED-917, and ED-918.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government; not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,529.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 7 hours 16 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 11,116.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$113,220.

**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: April 10, 2008.

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