

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: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Alan Stevens, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800, (301) 457-1550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Government Employment collects data on the employment, payrolls, and hours worked by part-time employees of state and local governments for one pay period in March. Data are collected from all agencies, departments, and institutions of the fifty state governments and from a sample of all local governments (counties, cities, townships, school districts, and special districts).

This is a mail canvass survey with an initial mailing and one follow-up mailing. Telephone follow-up is used to contact non-respondents and, as necessary, to correct apparent errors and incomplete responses. These forms and procedures are similar to those used in the previous annual survey conducted in March 1998.

Results from this survey are used directly in a variety of Federal programs: By the Bureau of Economic Analysis to develop the public sector components of the National Income and Product Accounts and to develop personal income statistics; by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the allocation of operating subsidies to local housing authorities; and by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to benchmark the government component in their monthly employment and earnings statistics program. Other users include state and local government executives and legislators, policy makers, economists, researchers, and the general public.

II. Method of Collection

Data collection is primarily accomplished through the use of mail

canvass questionnaires that are tailored to the type of government, agency or institution being surveyed. Mail canvass replies are screened for completeness, electronically recorded for processing, and electronically edited. Special data reporting arrangements exist with many state governments and some local governments to facilitate data reporting in ways that help minimize reporting burden (e.g. central reporting of data for all agencies and institutions of individual state governments, electronic reporting of data by some state and local governments, central reporting of school systems data by a number of state education agencies, etc.).

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0452.

Form Number: E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-6, E-7, E-9.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,244.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.06.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 21,437.

Estimated Total Cost: The estimated cost to respondents for the employment survey is \$326,277. The budgeted cost to the Federal government for all phases of this survey is \$1.1 million.

Legal Authority: This survey is authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 161.

Respondents' Obligation: This is a voluntary survey.

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 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: July 6, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 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)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, D.C. 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States (Form BE-15) is necessary to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of foreign direct investment in the United States. The annual survey covers all affiliates above a size-exemption level and collects annual data on the financial structure and operations of nonbank U.S. affiliates of foreign companies needed to update similar data for the universe of U.S. affiliates collected once every 5 years in the BE-12 benchmark survey. The data are used to derive annual estimates of the operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign companies, including their balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; external financing; employment and employee

compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development (R&D) activity. The data will be used to measure the economic significance of foreign direct investment in the United States and to analyze its effect on the U.S. economy. They will also be used in formulating, and assessing the impact of, U.S. policy on foreign direct investment.

Several revisions to the survey are being proposed to bring it into conformity with the BE-12 Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997. BEA proposes to raise the exemption level for the survey to \$30 million on the BE-15(SF) short form, up from \$10 million (measured by the company's total assets, sales, or net income or loss), thereby reducing respondent burden for small companies; on the survey's long form, the BE-15(LF), the exemption level will be raised to \$100 million, up from \$50 million. In addition, BEA proposes to base industry coding on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in place of the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification system, and to modify the detail collected on the composition of external financing of the reporting enterprise, on research and development expenditures, and on the operations of foreign-owned businesses in individual States.

II. Method of Collection

The BE-15 annual survey will be sent to potential respondents at the end of March each year. A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year will be due to be filed by May 31, 60 days after mailing. Reports must be filed by every nonbank U.S. business enterprise that is owned 10 percent or more by a foreign investor and that has total assets, sales, or net income (or loss) of over \$30 million. Potential respondents are those U.S. business enterprises that report in the 1997 benchmark survey of foreign direct investment in the United States, along with affiliates that subsequently enter the direct investment universe. The BE-15 is a cutoff-sample survey, as described; universe estimates are developed from the reported data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0034.

Form Number: BE-15.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,975.

Estimated Time Per Response: 26 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 128,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3,840,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 128,000 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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Dated: July 6, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Technical Advisory Committees; Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members

SUMMARY: Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) advise the Department of Commerce on the technical parameters for export controls applicable to dual-use commodities and technology and on the administration of those controls. The TACs are composed of representatives from industry and Government representing diverse points of view on the concerns of the exporting community. Industry representatives are selected from firms producing a broad range of goods, technologies, and software presently controlled for national security, foreign policy, non-proliferation, and short supply reasons or that are proposed for such controls, balanced to the extent possible among large and small firms.

TAC members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serve terms

of not more than four consecutive years. The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. TAC members must obtain secret-level clearances prior to appointment. These clearances are necessary so that members can be permitted access to relevant classified information needed in formulating recommendations to the Department of Commerce. Each TAC meets approximately 4 times per year. Members of the Subcommittee will not be compensated for their services.

Three TACs are currently seeking to fill membership vacancies. Those TACs and the areas in which they advise the Department of Commerce are the following: the Materials Processing Equipment TAC—Control List Category 2 (materials processing); the Regulations and Procedures TAC—the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and procedures for implementing the EAR; and the Transportation and Related Equipment TAC—Control List Category), and Category 9 (propulsion systems, space vehicles, and related equipment).

To respond to this Notice of Recruitment, please send a fact sheet on your company as well as a resume/biography to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA/BXA MS: 3886C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Materials may also be faxed to Ms. Carpenter at (202) 501-8024.

DEADLINE: This Notice of Recruitment will be open for 20 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated July 6, 1998.

Iain S. Baird,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) will be held July 23, 1998, 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M(2), 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that