

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 110.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.63.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 120 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, (202) 720-9734.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the Agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0743. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 29, 1996.  
Maureen Kennedy,  
*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

Dated: September 4, 1996.  
John Romano,  
*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

Dated: September 17, 1996.  
Dayton Watkins,  
*Administrator Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

Dated: September 19, 1996.  
Grant Buntrock,  
*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Annual Capital Expenditures Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; 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 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:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 2, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting 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 Charles Funk, Bureau of the Census, Room 300-20 Iverson Mall, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 763-2542.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans the continuing information collection for the 1996 and 1997 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES) measuring capital investment in new and used structures and equipment. The ACES is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on actual business spending by domestic, private, nonfarm businesses operating in the United States. Major changes from the 1995 collection of ACES data are the annual collection of data from businesses with one to four employees and nonemployers, and a request from employer businesses for data on total company sales and receipts, and sales and receipts for the three ACES industries with the largest sales and receipts.

Actual business spending will be collected from employer and nonemployer businesses. Business spending data are used to evaluate the quality of estimates of gross domestic product, develop monetary policy, analyze business asset depreciation, and improve estimates of capital stock for productivity analysis. Industry analysts use these data for market analysis, economic forecasting, identifying business opportunities, product development, and business planning.

##### II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial

mailing. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time. Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) and Touchtone Data Entry (TDE) will be used on a limited basis with small and middle sized businesses in data collection activities.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0782.

*Form Number:* ACE-1 (Sent to employer companies reporting payroll to the Internal Revenue Service) and ACE-2 (Sent to nonemployer businesses).

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, small businesses or organizations, and self-employed individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 46,000 (34,000 employer companies, and 12,000 nonemployer businesses).

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The average for all respondents is 2.5 hours. For companies completing form ACE-1, the range is 2 to 16 hours, averaging 3 hours. For companies completing form ACE-2, the range is less than 1 hour to 2 hours, averaging 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* The total annual burden for fiscal year 1997, and 1998 is 114,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$3,450,000.

*Respondents' Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 United States Code, Sections 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: September 26, 1996.  
 Linda Engelmeier,  
 Acting Departmental Forms Clearance  
 Officer, Office of Management and  
 Organization.  
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**Business and Professional  
 Classification Report**

**ACTION:** Proposed Agency Information  
 Collection Activity; 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  
 take this opportunity to comment on  
 proposed 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 December 2,  
 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments  
 to Linda Engelmeier, Acting  
 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 instruction(s) should  
 be directed to Carl A. Konschnik,  
 Bureau of the Census, Room 2651-FOB  
 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301)  
 457-2675.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**I. Abstract**

The Bureau of the Census uses Form  
 B-625, "Business and Professional  
 Classification Report," to collect  
 information needed to keep the retail,  
 wholesale, and service samples current  
 with the business universe. Because of  
 rapid changes in the marketplace caused  
 by the emergence of new businesses, the  
 death of others, transfer of ownership,

mergers, and so forth, four times a year  
 the Bureau of the Census canvasses a  
 different sample of new Employer  
 Identification Numbers (EINs) obtained  
 from the Internal Revenue Service and  
 the Social Security Administration. The  
 completed Form B-625, "Business and  
 Professional Classification Report,"  
 provides us with sales, receipts or  
 revenue, company organization, new or  
 refined Standard Industrial  
 Classification (SIC), and other key  
 information needed for sampling to  
 maintain proper coverage of the  
 universe. Based on the collected  
 information, EINs meeting the criteria  
 for inclusion in the Bureau's retail,  
 wholesale or service surveys are  
 subjected to a second sampling. The  
 retail and wholesale EINs selected in  
 this second sampling are placed on a  
 panel to report in our surveys on a  
 monthly basis. The selected service  
 cases are also placed on a panel but  
 report only annually. We are  
 considering revisions to Form B-625 to  
 reflect changing survey conditions. For  
 example, we may drop the request for a  
 list of individual business locations  
 associated with the EIN. We may also  
 make revisions to enable classification  
 coding under the new North American  
 Industry Classification System.

**II. Method of Collection**

We collect this information by mail,  
 FAX, and by phone for mail  
 nonresponse.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0189.

*Form Number:* B-625.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other  
 for-profit organizations, not-for-profit  
 institutions, Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
 42,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 13  
 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:*  
 9,101 hours.

*Estimated Total Cost:* The total cost in  
 fiscal year 1996 for the Business and  
 Professional Classification Report is

\$785,000, all funded by the Bureau of  
 Census.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C.,  
 Section 182.

**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 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  
 included in the request for OMB  
 approval of this information collection;  
 they also will become a matter of public  
 record.

Dated: September 25, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,  
 Acting Departmental Forms Clearance  
 Officer, Office of Management and  
 Organization.

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**Economic Development  
 Administration**

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

**AGENCY:** Economic Development  
 Administration (EDA).

**ACTION:** To give firms an opportunity to  
 comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing  
 on the dates indicated from the firms  
 listed below.

**LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 08/20/96-09/24/96**

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Premier Sportswear, Inc .....	126 Shove Street, Fall River, MA 02724.	08/27/96	Women's pants and skirts of wool, wool blends, cotton and other synthetic material.
New Jersey Machine, Inc .....	56 Etna Road, Lebanon, NH 03766.	08/28/96	Precision labeling equipment.
Quality Dinettes, Inc .....	P.O. Box 197, Bethel Road, Arley, AL 35541.	08/29/96	Chairs, dining tables, china hutches of wood and wood prod- ucts for dining and kitchen use.
Gilbert Mfg. Corp .....	Route 26, Box 165, Locke Mills, ME 04255.	09/06/96	Wooden kitchenware and cutlery, wood turnings and cut wood—hard and soft of white birch and ash, maple.