

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, wood 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.