

This survey is the only comprehensive source of public fiscal data collected on a nationwide scale using uniform definitions, concepts and procedures. The collection covers the revenues, expenditures, debt, and assets of all public school systems. This data collection has been coordinated with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The NCES uses this collection to satisfy its need for school system level finance data.

Information on the finances of our public schools is vital to assessing their effectiveness. This data collection makes it possible to access a single data base to obtain information on such things as per pupil expenditures and the percent of state, local, and federal funding for each school system. Recently, as exemplified by the establishment of the America 2000 education goals, there has been increased interest in improving the Nation's public schools. One result of this intensified interest has been a significant increase in the demand for school finance data.

The three forms used in the school finance portion of the survey are:

Form F-33. This form contains item descriptions and definitions of the elementary-secondary education finance items collected jointly by the Census Bureau and NCES. It is used primarily as a worksheet by the state education agencies that provide school finance data centrally for all of the school systems in their respective states. Most states supply their data by electronic means.

Form F-33-1. This form is used at the beginning of each survey period to solicit the assistance of the state education agencies. It establishes the conditions by which the state education agencies provide their school finance data to the Census Bureau.

Form F-33-L1. This is a supplemental letter sent to the school systems in nine states. In these states, the state education agencies collect adequate

detail in all aspects of school finance except for assets. Respondents provide the assets data on this letter and it is merged with the other data collected from the state education agencies.

This request is to reinstate the previous collection for which approval expires July 31, 1997. The data to be collected is identical to the previous collection except as follows:

1—In order to differentiate between payments made to public school systems and those made to private school systems, we are adding an item that identifies payments to private schools.

2—In order to differentiate between payments made to public schools, those made to private schools, and those made to quasi-public charter schools, we are adding an item that identifies payments to charter schools.

II. Method of Collection

Through central collection arrangements with the state education agencies, the Census Bureau collects almost all of the finance data for local school systems from state education agency data bases. The states transfer most of this information in electronic format on microcomputer disks and over the Internet. The Census Bureau has facilitated central collection of school finance data by accepting data in whatever formats the states elect to transmit.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0700.
Form Number: F-33, F-33-1, F-33-L1.

Type of Review: Regular.
Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 894.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3.2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,871 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$51,678.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., sections 161 and 181.

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: February 27, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,
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), Commerce.

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 01/11/97-02/21/97

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Centurion International, Inc	3425 North 44th St., Lincoln, NE 68501	01/17/97	Batteries and antennas.
Heinke Technology, Inc	5120 Northwest 38th St., Lincoln, NE 68524.	02/03/97	Pharmaceutical applicators.
Penn & Fletcher, Inc	242 West 30th St., suite 200, New York, NY 10001.	02/04/97	Embroidered lace and trimming.
Brodnax Mills, Inc	P.O. Box A, Brodnax, VA 23920	02/04/97	Synthetic and blended yarns.
Precision Sintered Parts, L.L.C	9902 East 46th Place, Tulsa, OK 74146	02/06/97	Iron or steel, forged or stamped gears.
Styletek, Inc	1857 Middlesex St., Lowell, MA 01851 ..	02/07/97	Plastic parts for footwear, luggage, tool, and sporting goods industries and plastic injection molds.
Lamarr Jamerson	929 North Sherman, Springfield, MO 65802.	02/07/97	Wooden doors and door frames.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 01/11/97-02/21/97—Continued

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Ideal Forging Corp	167 Center St., Southington, CT 06489	02/07/97	Parts for compressors, pumps, and machinery.
Modu Form, Inc	172 Industrial Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420	02/07/97	Stackable arm chairs, tables, casegoods, couches, and library shelving.
B&L Industries, Inc	4570 West 77th St., suite 238, Minneapolis, MN 55435.	02/10/97	Toroid radio frequency filters.
White Stokes Co., Inc	3615 South Jasper Place, Chicago, IL 60609.	02/10/97	Fondant as a reprocessed sugar-based paste used as a base ingredient in icing, fillings and candy, etc.
Cassemco, Inc	P.O. Box 1495, Cookeville, TN 38503 ...	02/11/97	Seat parts for motor vehicles, chin straps for football helmets, ammunition packs and medical products.
Ever Corp	Highway 67 North, Newport, AR 72112	02/13/97	Collapsible aluminum tubes.
Acme Roll Forming Co	P.O. Box 706, Sebawaing, MI 48759	02/12/97	Steel tubes for material handling racks.
Posey Manufacturing Co., Inc	P.O. Box 418, 810 Ontario St., Hoquiam, WA 98550.	02/13/97	Piano parts.
Coates ASI	4607 South 35th St., Phoenix, AZ 85040	02/14/97	Wet processing equipment used to manufacture printed circuit boards.
Advance Energy Technologies, Inc	P.O. Box 387, Clifton Park, NY 12065 ...	02/14/97	Insulated refrigeration walls for walk-in freezers and coolers.
Firerobin Puppets, Inc	Bridge St., Richmond, VT 05477	02/21/97	Puppets.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 7023, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance)

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Anthony J. Meyer,

Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 1029 (815-1312)

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. William G. Gilmartin, Hawaii Wildlife Fund, 55-472A Palekana Street, Laie, Hawaii 96762, has been issued a permit to "take" by Level A and Level B harassment, Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4016); and

Protected Species Program Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 18, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 58676) that the above-named

applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to "take" by Level A and Level B harassment Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) from the population at Midway Atoll. The research will be conducted over an 5-year period and will involve census observations, bleach marking, pup tagging/ measuring, disentanglement, necropsies, and scat collections. The objective of the research is to study the natural history and behavior of monk seals at Midway Atoll. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222). Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 24, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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