

business needs. The Census Bureau collects these annual data from firms reporting in the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS) as well as additional firms selected specifically for the annual survey. The annual collection is mandatory, whereas response to the monthly is voluntary. Estimates developed in the ATS are used to benchmark the monthly sales and inventories series and 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.

## II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, FAX and telephone follow-up.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0195.

*Form Number:* B-450, and B-451.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Wholesale Businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,750.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .3863 hrs (23 minutes).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,221 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The cost to the respondent is estimated to be \$30,317 based on an annual response burden of 2,221 hours and a rate of \$13.65 per hour to complete the form.

*Respondent's Obligation:* mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, 24, 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: March 17, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* Survey of Income and Program Participation 1996 Panel Wave 8.

*Form Number(s):* SIPP 16805(L) Director's Letter, CAPI Instrument.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0813.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 117,800 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 77,700.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* half an hour.

*Needs and Uses:* The Bureau of the Census conducts the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to collect information from a sample of households concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits. SIPP data are used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare and transfer payment programs such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP is a longitudinal survey, in that households in the panel are interviewed 12 times at 4 month intervals or waves over the life of the panel, making the duration of the panel about 4 years. The next panel of households will be introduced in the year 2000.

The survey is molded around a central core of labor force and income questions, health insurance questions, and questions concerning government program participation that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core questions are asked at Wave 1 and are updated during subsequent interviews. The core is supplemented with additional questions or topical modules designed to answer specific needs.

This request is for clearance of the topical modules to be asked during Wave 8 of the 1996 Panel. The core questions have already been cleared.

Topical modules for waves 9 through 12 will be cleared later. The topical modules for Wave 8 are: (1) Adult Well-Being and (2) Welfare Reform. Wave 8 interviews will be conducted from August through November 1998.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Every 4 months.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC, Section 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 17, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 956]

#### Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson and Surry Counties, NC

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

*Whereas,* by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

*Whereas,* the Piedmont Triad Partnership (the Grantee), a North Carolina non-profit corporation, has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 21-97, 62 FR 15460, 4/1/97;