

person providing construction, engineering, architectural, or mining services to unaffiliated foreign persons is required to report if the gross value of new contracts received or the gross operating revenues from all existing contracts is \$1 million or more during the covered year. A U.S. person that receives a form but is not required to report data must file an exemption claim.

### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0608-0015.

*Form Number:* BE-47.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* U.S. business or other for-profit institutions providing construction, engineering, architectural, and mining services to unaffiliated foreign persons.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 155.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 4.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 700.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$21,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 700 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

### 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 has 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: May 8, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Commercial News USA

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the 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 July 13, 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. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Jana Nelhybel, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Export Promotion Service, Room 2202, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-5367, and fax number (202) 482-5362.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Commercial News USA (CNUSA), published twelve times a year by a private sector firm, is the U.S. Department of Commerce's export catalog-magazine. The product information in CNUSA reaches more than 145,000 distributors, government officials, and potential buyers overseas through direct distribution from U.S. embassies and consulates. Firms use the form to request that their product information be published in CNUSA, a service for which the firms pay a minimum fee of \$445.

This information collection item allows the U.S. Department of Commerce to promote U.S. products and services available for export as part of the USDOC's trade promotion activities. CNUSA is a unique export promotion service for U.S. manufacturers, service firms, and publishers of trade and technical literature; nothing similar is available to them through the private sector. The product promotions in CNUSA differ from paid advertisements in that they

must meet program criteria. Because U.S. embassies and consulates handle distribution, the product information reaches a vast, screened readership not only through direct dissemination but also via counseling by commercial officers and through walk-in visits to commercial libraries where CNUSA is displayed. Further, American Chambers of Commerce, local business editors, and other trade entities that reprint information from CNUSA or display or disseminate the entire magazine provide a multiplier effect.

##### II. Method of Data Collection

The requests are sent to the private sector publisher.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0625-0061.

*Form Number:* ITA-4063P.

*Type of Review:* Renewal; regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Companies interested in placing their product information available for export in Commercial News USA.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,200.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 917.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs:* \$32,095.

##### 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 costs) 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 forms of information technology.

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Dated: May 8, 1998.

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