

compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development (R&D) activity. The data will be used to measure the economic significance of foreign direct investment in the United States and to analyze its effect on the U.S. economy. They will also be used in formulating, and assessing the impact of, U.S. policy on foreign direct investment.

Several revisions to the survey are being proposed to bring it into conformity with the BE-12 Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997. BEA proposes to raise the exemption level for the survey to \$30 million on the BE-15(SF) short form, up from \$10 million (measured by the company's total assets, sales, or net income or loss), thereby reducing respondent burden for small companies; on the survey's long form, the BE-15(LF), the exemption level will be raised to \$100 million, up from \$50 million. In addition, BEA proposes to base industry coding on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in place of the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification system, and to modify the detail collected on the composition of external financing of the reporting enterprise, on research and development expenditures, and on the operations of foreign-owned businesses in individual States.

## II. Method of Collection

The BE-15 annual survey will be sent to potential respondents at the end of March each year. A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year will be due to be filed by May 31, 60 days after mailing. Reports must be filed by every nonbank U.S. business enterprise that is owned 10 percent or more by a foreign investor and that has total assets, sales, or net income (or loss) of over \$30 million. Potential respondents are those U.S. business enterprises that report in the 1997 benchmark survey of foreign direct investment in the United States, along with affiliates that subsequently enter the direct investment universe. The BE-15 is a cutoff-sample survey, as described; universe estimates are developed from the reported data.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0608-0034.

*Form Number:* BE-15.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,975.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 26 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 128,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$3,840,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 128,000 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: July 6, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Technical Advisory Committees; Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members

**SUMMARY:** Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) advise the Department of Commerce on the technical parameters for export controls applicable to dual-use commodities and technology and on the administration of those controls. The TACs are composed of representatives from industry and Government representing diverse points of view on the concerns of the exporting community. Industry representatives are selected from firms producing a broad range of goods, technologies, and software presently controlled for national security, foreign policy, non-proliferation, and short supply reasons or that are proposed for such controls, balanced to the extent possible among large and small firms.

TAC members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serve terms

of not more than four consecutive years. The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. TAC members must obtain secret-level clearances prior to appointment. These clearances are necessary so that members can be permitted access to relevant classified information needed in formulating recommendations to the Department of Commerce. Each TAC meets approximately 4 times per year. Members of the Subcommittee will not be compensated for their services.

Three TACs are currently seeking to fill membership vacancies. Those TACs and the areas in which they advise the Department of Commerce are the following: the Materials Processing Equipment TAC—Control List Category 2 (materials processing); the Regulations and Procedures TAC—the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and procedures for implementing the EAR; and the Transportation and Related Equipment TAC—Control List Category), and Category 9 (propulsion systems, space vehicles, and related equipment).

To respond to this Notice of Recruitment, please send a fact sheet on your company as well as a resume/biography to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA/BXA MS: 3886C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Materials may also be faxed to Ms. Carpenter at (202) 501-8024.

**DEADLINE:** This Notice of Recruitment will be open for 20 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) will be held July 23, 1998, 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M(2), 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that