

highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of exports on the U.S. economy. The exhibit, which represents a series of industries and a variety of companies, is located in the Office of the Under Secretary for International Trade. The exhibit will be rotated approximately every four months. The first sector selected was the motor vehicles and automotive parts industry.

The second sector to be displayed is the energy sector. Companies and trade associations in this sector are encouraged to express interest in showcasing their exports of goods and/or services by contacting ITA through the individual listed above. Displayed items may include illustrations, miniaturized or actual models, or actual products. Examples of appropriate displays would include models or illustrations of drilling platforms or refineries, oil and gas pipeline equipment, geologic instrumentation systems, power plants or electric distribution lines that have been constructed overseas and incorporate substantial U.S. products and/or services.

Selection Process

Items will be selected for exhibition on the basis of the following factors:

(1) Items must be produced in, or representative of services exported from, the United States and have at least a 51% U.S. content, including materials, equipment and labor (in the case of large development projects, the applicant should identify substantial U.S. products or services into the completed project). To highlight the impact of exports on small businesses, items will also be considered that are produced by U.S. companies that do not directly export but rather whose goods or services are incorporated into another company's for export.

(2) The items must relate to the industry selected by ITA and be suitable for exhibition in a limited space.

(3) The company must not be owned or controlled, indirectly or directly, by a foreign government.

(4) Items chosen should reflect diversity of company size, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.

Other conditions: Displayed items will be considered loans to the Department. Companies will be responsible for shipment of the item to and from the Commerce Department, for obtaining appropriate insurance, and for all related costs.

Time Frame for Applications: Expressions of interest from the energy sector should be received by August 17,

1998. Expressions of interest should be sent to the ITA official identified above.

A **Federal Register** notice will be published subsequently to announce the next sector to be highlighted.

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Under Secretary for International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Fastener Quality Act—Provisional Listing of Facilities

ACTION: Proposed collection; 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, Pub. L. 104-12 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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) should be directed to Dr. Subhas G. Malghan, NIST, Building 820, Room 250, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; (301) 975-6101.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This submission under the Paperwork Reduction Act represents a request for extension of a currently approved collection by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). NIST requires this information to ensure that manufacturing facilities that are seeking provisional listing do, in fact, meet all requirements of the Fastener Quality Act (FQA) and the implementing regulations while completing their formal registration process. During the provisional listing period, the listed facilities will be able to test and certify

that their fasteners meet the stated standards and specifications, and comply with the FQA.

II. Method of Collection

Applicants will submit written information to NIST.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0026.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimate of the total annual cost to submit this information for fiscal year 1998 and future years is \$500. There are no capital expenditures required.

IV. Requests 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 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated July 8, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Fastener Quality Act—Laboratory Accreditation Body Approval and Registrar Accreditation Body Approval

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.