

measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts, Housing Completions, and New Housing Sales.

We plan no changes to the information collection methodology. We have increased the number of respondents from 835 to 900 due to local changes in municipal laws. The land area covered by the survey has not increased, but when a municipality decides to begin issuing its own permits independently from the jurisdiction that previously covered their permits (usually a county government), that new municipality becomes part of the survey.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau uses its field representatives to obtain information on the operating procedures of a permit office. The field representative visits the permit office, conducts the interview, and completes the electronic form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0125.

Form Number: SOC-QBPO.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: State and Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 225 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to the respondent is \$3,658 based on an average hourly salary of \$16.26¹ for state and local government employees.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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: November 8, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1064]

Approval for Subzone Expansion (Shipbuilding) Foreign-Trade Subzone 124H, Bollinger Shipyards Lockport, LLC; Lockport, LA

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, the South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, has requested authority on behalf of Bollinger Shipyards Lockport, LLC (Bollinger), operator of Subzone 124H at the Bollinger shipyard located in Lockport, Louisiana, to expand Subzone 124H to include four new sites in Larose (LaFourche Parish) and Amelia (St. Mary's Parish), Louisiana (FTZ Doc. 17-99, filed 4-29-99);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 25476, 5-12-99);

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations would be satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest if approval were subject to the standard shipyard restriction on foreign steel mill products;

Now therefore, the Board hereby approves the request subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and further subject to the restrictions listed below.

1. Any foreign steel mill products admitted to the subzone, including plate, angles, shapes, channels, rolled steel stock, bars, pipes and tubes, not incorporated into merchandise otherwise classified, and which is used in manufacturing, shall be subject to Customs duties in accordance with applicable law, unless the Executive Secretary determines that the same item

is not then being produced by a domestic steel mill.

2. In addition to the annual report, Bollinger Shipyards Lockport, LLC, shall advise the Board's Executive Secretary (§ 400.28(a)(3)) as to significant new contracts with appropriate information concerning foreign purchases otherwise dutiable, so that the Board may consider whether any foreign dutiable items are being imported for manufacturing in the subzone primarily because of subzone status and whether the Board should consider requiring Customs duties to be paid on such items.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of November 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 54-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 21—Charleston, SC, Area; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board), by the South Carolina State Ports Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 21, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Charleston, South Carolina, area, within the Charleston Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on October 28, 1999.

FTZ 21 was approved on June 12, 1975 (Board Order 106, 40 FR 25613, 6/17/75) and expanded on February 28, 1995 (Board Order 734, 60 FR 12735, 3/8/95); June 20, 1996 (Board Order 832, 61 FR 33491, 6/27/96); October 23, 1996 (Board Order 850, 61 FR 57383, 11/6/96); and, September 5, 1997 (Board Order 918, 62 FR 48591, 9/16/97). The zone project includes 13 general-purpose sites in the coastal area of South Carolina: *Site 1* (134 acres)—Tri-County Industrial Park, Summerville; *Site 2* (57 acres)—Cainhoy Industrial Park, Wando; *Site 3* (160 acres)—Crowfield Corporate Center, Goose Creek; *Site 4* (998 acres)—Low Country

¹ Taken from the Census Bureau's Annual Survey of State and Local Government Employment March 1998.