

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Economic Development  
Administration****Award for Excellence in Economic  
Development—Request for Comments**

**ACTION:** New collection, comment request.

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following Emergency information collection under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 5).

*Agency:* Economic Development Administration (EDA).

*Title:* Award for Excellence in Economic Development  
*Agency Form Number:* Not Applicable.

*OMB Approval Number:*

*Type of Request:* New.

*Burden:* 150 hours.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 3.

*Number of Respondents:*

Approximately 50 respondents.

*Needs and Uses:* EDA provides a broad range of economic development assistance to help distressed communities design and implement effective economic development strategies. Part of this assistance includes disseminating information about best practices and encouraging collegial learning among economic development practitioners. EDA has created the Award for Excellence in Economic Development to recognize outstanding economic development activities of national importance. In order to make Awards for Excellence in Economic Development, EDA must collect two kinds of information: (a) Information identifying the nominee and contacts within the organization being nominated and (b) information explaining why the nominee should be given the award. The information will be used to determine those applicants best meeting the preannounced selection criteria. Use of a nomination form standardizes and limits the information collected as part of the nomination process. This makes the competition fair and eases any burden on applicants and reviewers alike. Participation in the competition is voluntary. The award is strictly honorary.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Government and not-for profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DoC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 10 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Export Administration****Materials Technical Advisory  
Committee; Notice of Partially Closed  
Meeting**

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet on December 16, 1999, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

**Agenda***Open Session*

1. Opening remarks and introductions.
2. Presentation of papers and comments by the public.
3. Presentation on status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

*Closed Session*

4. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may

be submitted at any time before or after the meeting.

However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the materials should be forwarded prior to the meeting to the address below:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, U.S.

Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 24, 1998, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For more information call Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Export Administration****President's Export Council  
Subcommittee on Encryption; Notice  
of Partially Closed Meeting**

The President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption (PECSENC) will meet on December 14, 1999, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4832, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will begin in open session at 9:30 a.m. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to policies regarding commercial encryption products.

*Open Session: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.