

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce.

Title: Applicant Background Survey.
Form Number: Pending OMB approval.

Agency Approval Number: 0690-xxxx.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 2,812.5 hours.

Number of Respondents: 45,000 annually.

Avg Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Commerce is below parity with the relevant civilian labor force representation for many of our primary occupations. The only method to determine if there are barriers in the recruitment and selection process for these occupations is to track groups that apply and how they fare through the selection process. Without this information, DOC does not have the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of its recruitment efforts, or to determine barriers in its selection process. There is no other objective way to make these determinations, and no source of this information other than from applicants.

The race and national origin (RNO) information of job applicants was previously collected by all Federal agencies using OPM Form 1386. The form expired several years ago and DOC is seeking to establish a replacement form. Completion of the form is voluntary. It will not be a required part of the application package. A number of Federal agencies have already recreated this form for the same purpose collecting race, national origin, gender and disability information of job applicants.

The information is not provided to selecting officials and plays no part in the selection of individuals. Instead, it is used in summary form to determine trends over many selections within a given occupation or organizational area. The information is treated in a very confidential manner.

Affected Public: Individual or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Section 7201 of Title 5 of the U.S. Code, Title VII of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 CFR Section 1607.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230 (or via the Internet at Lengelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 22, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Internet Export Finance Matchmaker.

OMB Number: 0625-0232.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 350 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Exporters 10 minutes.

Export Service Firms: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Office of Finance assists U.S. firms in identifying trade finance opportunities and promotes the competitiveness of U.S. financial services in international trade.

The Office of Finance interacts with private financial institutions in insurance, banking, leasing, factoring, barter, and counter trade; U.S. financing agencies, such as the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and multilateral development banks, such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and others. To facilitate contact between exporters and financial institutions, the Office of Finance is developing an interactive INTERNET trade finance match-making program to link exporters seeking trade finance with banks and other financial

institutions. The information collected from financial institutions regarding the trade finance products and services they offer will be compiled into a database.

An exporter will be able to electronically submit a form identifying the potential export transaction and type of financing requested. This information will be electronically matched with the financial institution(s) that meet the requirements of the exporter. After a match has been made, a message will be electronically sent to both the exporter and the financial institution containing the information about the match, and contact information for either party to initiate communication. This program is designed to implement the Department of Commerce's goal of improving access to trade financing for small business exporters.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit; voluntary.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Email LEngelme@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 22, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Economic Analysis****Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons**

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

comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Englemeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20230 or by E-mail to LEngelme@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50 (OC), Washington D.C. 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons (Form BE-22) obtains reliable and up-to-date information on selected U.S. services transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons. It is intended to update the results of the BE-20, Benchmark Survey of Selected Services Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons. The BE-20 survey is conducted once every five years, and the last survey covered 1996. A BE-22 survey is conducted each of the four years between the two benchmark surveys; the last BE-22 survey covered 1999. Some of the major purposes of the survey are to provide information needed in formulating U.S. international trade policy on services, supporting bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations and monitoring trade agreements, compiling the U.S. international transactions and national income and product accounts, assessing and promoting U.S. competitiveness in international trade in services, and improving the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities. No changes are being proposed for Form BE-22.

II. Method of Collection

The BE-22 survey must be filed by each U.S. person that had transactions (either sales or purchases) in excess of \$1,000,000 with an unaffiliated foreign person in any of the services covered by the survey. If a U.S. person had transactions (either sales or purchases) in the types of services covered by the survey but they were \$1,000,000 or less, the U.S. person is requested to

voluntarily provide an estimate of the total for each type of service. The data collected are sample data covering the transactions between U.S. persons and unaffiliated foreign persons. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0060.

Form Number: BE-22.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 11.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 17,250 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$517,500 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 17,250 hours and estimated hourly cost of \$30).

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 22, United States Code, Sections 3101-3108.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 22, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1105]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 26; Atlanta, GA Area

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 Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 26 (Atlanta, Georgia), submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 26 to include a site at the Canton-Cherokee County Business and Industrial Park located in Canton, Georgia (Site 3), adjacent to the Atlanta Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 59-99; filed 11/23/99);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 67844, 12/3/99) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 26 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of June 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

Attest:

Pierre V. Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1107]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, SMC Pneumatics, Inc. (Pneumatic Automation Components); Indianapolis, IN

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, of June 18,