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The Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating retail establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 2001 Annual Retail Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within thirty days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, sections 182, 224, and 225. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data will provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 United States Code, chapter 35, the OMB approved the Annual Retail Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607-0013. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey. Additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

William G. Barron, Jr.,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 020103003-2003-01]

Annual Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the Annual Trade Survey. The Census Bureau has determined that it needs to collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, year-end inventories, and purchases.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Scheleur, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 457-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Annual Trade Survey is a continuation of similar wholesale trade surveys conducted each year since 1978. It provides, on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, e-commerce sales (including Electronic Data Interchange-EDI) and purchases for 2001 and year-end inventories for 2000 and 2001. These data are not available publicly on a timely basis from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

The Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating merchant wholesale establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 2001 Annual Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within thirty days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, sections 182, 224, and 225. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on wholesale trade for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data will provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the

requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 United States Code, chapter 35, the OMB approved the Annual Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607-0195. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey. Additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

William G. Barron, Jr.,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet on January 24, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions which affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

The Committee will meet only in Executive Session to discuss matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 7, 2000, 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 Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(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 Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Sea Grant Fellowships: National Marine Fisheries Service—Sea Grant Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics; and Sea Grant—Industry Fellowship Program: Request for Applications for FY 2002

AGENCY: National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) is seeking applications for two fellowship programs to fulfill its broad educational responsibilities, to strengthen the collaboration between Sea Grant and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and to strengthen ties between academia and industry:

(1) The NMFS—Sea Grant Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics (Fisheries Fellowship Program), which is available to U.S. citizens who are graduate students enrolled in PhD degree programs in academic institutions in the United States and its territories, with required institutional matching funds, expects to support six new Fisheries Fellows in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics in FY 2002. Fisheries Fellows will work on thesis problems of public interest and relevance to NMFS and have summer internships at participating NMFS Science Centers or Laboratories under the guidance of NMFS mentors.

(2) The Sea Grant—Industry Fellowship Program (Industry Fellowship Program), which is available to graduate students enrolled in either MS or PhD degree programs in academic institutions in the United States and its territories, with required matching funds from private industrial sponsors, expects to support five new Industry Fellows in FY 2002. Industry Fellows will work on research and development projects on topics of interest to a particular industry/company. In a true partnership, the student, the faculty advisor, the Sea Grant College or institute, and the industry representative will work together, sharing research facilities and the cost of the activity.

DATES: Applications must be received by 5 pm (local time) on February 15, 2002 by a state Sea Grant Program (or by the NSGO in the case of an academic institution in a non-Sea Grant state). Note that applications arriving after these deadlines will be accepted for review only if the applicant can document that the application was provided to a delivery service that guaranteed delivery (see “Addresses” below) prior to the specified closing date and time; in any event, applications received by the NSGO or the State Sea Grant Programs later than two business days following the closing date will not be accepted. Facsimile transmissions and electronic mail submission of applications will not be accepted. It is anticipated that successful applicants will be able to initiate Fisheries Fellowships on approximately June 1, 2002 or Industry Fellowships on approximately September 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Applications originating from academic institutions in Sea Grant states must be submitted to the state Sea Grant Program. Applications originating elsewhere may be submitted either to the nearest state Sea Grant Program or directly to the NSGO. Sea Grant’s web site lists the addresses of the state Sea Grant College Program directors (<http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/SGDirectors.html>) and the participating NMFS Facilities (http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/research/rfp/NMFS_Labs.html), or those addresses may also be obtained by contacting the NSGO. Applications submitted to the NSGO should be addressed to: National Sea Grant Office, R/SG, Attn: Mrs. Geraldine Taylor, Proposal Processing, Room 11732, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (telephone number for express mail applications is 301-713-2445).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information about the Fisheries Fellowship Program may be obtained from Dr. Emory D. Anderson, National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; tel: (301) 713-2435 ext. 144; e-mail: emory.anderson@noaa.gov; from any state Sea Grant Program (see **ADDRESSES**); or from any participating NMFS facility (see **ADDRESSES**). Information about the Industry Fellowship Program may be obtained from Dr. Vijay G. Panchang, National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; tel: (301) 713-2435 ext. 142; e-mail: vijay.panchang@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Marine Fisheries Service—Sea Grant Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics and Sea Grant—Industry Fellowship Program

I. Program Authority

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1127. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 11.417, Sea Grant Support.

II. Description of Programs

A. Fisheries Fellowship Program

The National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) established a new Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics (Fisheries Fellowship Program) in 1999. The intent of the Fisheries Fellowship Program is to award fellowships to four students each year who are interested in careers related to (1) the population dynamics of living marine resources and the development and implementation of quantitative methods for assessing their status, and (2) the economics of the conservation and management of living marine resources. Two new fellowships were to be awarded each year in each of the above two disciplines resulting in an anticipated six students per discipline to be supported annually when the Fisheries Fellowship Program reached its maximum level three years following its inception.

For the FY 2002 competition now being announced, funds are available to award six new fellowships in the two disciplines combined, with a potential maximum of four in one of the two disciplines.

The goals of the Fisheries Fellowship Program are to (1) encourage qualified applicants to pursue careers in (a) population dynamics and stock assessment methodology or (b) marine