

substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are added to the Procurement List:

Services

Service Type/Location: Grounds

Maintenance, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, WA.

NPA: Skookum Educational Programs, Port Townsend, WA.

Contract Activity: Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, WA.

Service Type/Location: Switchboard

Operation, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Iowa City, IA.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southeast Iowa, Iowa City, IA.

Contract Activity: Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Iowa City, IA.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

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Director, Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Special Notice

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. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

Title: American Community Survey.

Information: On May 1, 2002, the Census Bureau published a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public of its plans to conduct the American Community Survey starting in November 2002. In that notice, written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection were to be sent within 30 days of publication to the desk officer's regular mail address at

OMB. Because OMB is still experiencing delays in receiving regular mail (including first class and express mail) due to the events of last fall, comments on this proposed information collection request should be faxed to Susan Schechter, OMB desk officer, at (202) 395-7245. The due date for these comments to be faxed to OMB has been extended to June 7, 2002.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent via fax by June 7, 2002 to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, (202) 395-7245.

Dated: May 20, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, 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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2002 Economic Census Covering the Manufacturing Sector.

Form Number(s): MA-10000, MC-31000 thru MC-33000.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 940,200 hours in FY 2003.

Number of Respondents: 260,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 3 hours and 37 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The 2002 Economic Census Covering the Manufacturing Sector will use a mail canvass, supplemented by data from Federal administrative records, to measure the economic activity of approximately 400,000 establishments in this sector of the economy classified in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The manufacturing sector comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or

chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products. The assembling of component parts of manufactured products is considered manufacturing, except in cases where the activity is appropriately classified in Sector 23, Construction. The economic census will produce basic statistics by industry for number of establishments, payroll, employment, value of shipments, value added, capital expenditures, depreciation, materials consumed, selected purchased services, electric energy used and inventories held.

The economic census is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the general public. The Federal Government (*i.e.*, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics) uses information from the economic census as an important part of the framework for the national income and product accounts, input-output tables, economic indexes, and other composite measures that serve as the factual basis for economic policymaking, planning, and program administration. Further, the census provides sampling frames and benchmarks for current surveys which track short-term economic trends, serve as economic indicators, and contribute critical source data for current estimates of the gross domestic product. State and local governments rely on the economic census as a unique source of comprehensive economic statistics for small geographic areas for use in policymaking, planning, and program administration. Finally, industry, business, academia, and the general public use information from the economic census for evaluating markets, preparing business plans, making business decisions, developing economic models and forecasts, conducting economic research, and establishing benchmarks for their own sample surveys.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131 and 224.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of

Commerce, room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

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

Dated: May 20, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Business Expenses Survey

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sheldon G. Ziman, U. S. Census Bureau, Room 1183, Building 3, Washington DC 20233-6400 (301-457-3315), or via the Internet at sheldon.g.ziman@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The business expenses survey is conducted as part of the economic census, which is required by law to be taken every five years under Title 13 of the United States Code. The 2002 Business Expenses Survey will be conducted on a sample basis for the collection of data on business operating

expenses to complement data on sales and inventories compiled in current surveys. Together, these data are benchmarked to the economic census and are used to compile measures of value produced for selected industries. The collection of business expenses data is required for reliable measurement of the United States economy. As such, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), producer of gross domestic product estimates, is the primary user of these data. The BEA uses the expenses data for developing the national income and product accounts, input-output tables, and economic indexes, and to fill previously identified critical gaps in underlying data in these accounts.

Industrial sectors covered by the survey include wholesale trade, retail trade, and most of the transportation and service sectors, as based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The information collected will produce statistics by kind of business on operating expenses such as labor costs, depreciation, rent, materials and supplies, utilities, and purchased services such as advertising, repairs, legal, accounting, and computer services. The primary strategy for minimizing burden in this survey is the use of sampling and sub-sampling, and where possible, supplementing the Census Bureau's business annual surveys as the data collection vehicle.

II. Method of Collection

The 2002 Business Expenses Survey will be conducted using mailout/mailback procedures, where possible supplementing the Census Bureau's business annual surveys. The sample to be used was previously created for the business current surveys, covering wholesale trade, retail trade, and most of the transportation and service industrial sectors. Most multi-location companies included in the sample will receive a separate form to consolidate their data for each unique kind of business operated. Only employer businesses will be mailed. Data for non-employers for selected industries will be estimated based on administrative records. The questionnaires will be mailed from the Census Bureau's National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Three periodic mail follow-ups and a telephone follow-up will be conducted to minimize statistical error due to nonresponse. Upon closeout of data collection, the response data will be edited and reviewed.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: Not available. Some of the forms to be used to collect information for the 2002 Business Expenses Survey will be associated with concurrent business annual surveys of wholesale, retail, and selected service businesses. For industries not covered in the annual surveys, such as selected finance, insurance, real estate, transportation, and education services, unique forms will be used. Requests for information on the proposed content of the forms should be directed to Sheldon G. Ziman, U. S. Census Bureau, Room 1183, Building 3, Washington DC 20233-6400 (301-457-3315) or via the Internet at sheldon.g.ziman@census.gov.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: Incorporated and non-incorporated businesses, and for profit and not for profit institutions or organizations

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000 employer reporting units.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for multi-location firms is 2.2 hours and the average for single-location firms is 1.2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 160,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Respondents: \$3.1 million.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 193, 195, and 224.

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: May 20, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
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