SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* ''Statement of Personal History''.
Form No: 1081.
Description of Respondents: Certified Development Companies.
Annual Responses: 300.
Annual Burden: 75.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Charles George, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Government Contracting & Business Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 8000, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles George, Deputy Assistant Administrator, 202–401–2899 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, (202) 205–7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: ''8(a) Annual Update''.
Form No: 1450.
Description of Respondents: 8(a) Program Participants.
Annual Responses: 5,000.
Annual Burden: 13,000.

Jacqueline White,
Chief, Administrative Information Branch.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9U44]

State of Pennsylvania

Cameron County and the contiguous counties of Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, McKean and Potter in the State of Pennsylvania constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a fire that occurred on February 28, 2003 in the Borough of Emporium. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on *December 12, 2003* at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.189 percent. The number assigned for economic injury for this disaster is 9U4400.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: March 12. 2003.

Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Request for Public Comment on Review of Employment Impact of Proposed United States—Central America Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) gives notice that the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Labor (Labor) are initiating a review of the impact of the proposed U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on United States employment, including labor markets. This notice seeks written public comment on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in the United States as well as other likely labor market impacts of the FTA.

DATES: USTR and Labor will accept any comments received during the course of the negotiations of the FTA. However, comments should be received by April 25, 2003, to be assured of timely consideration in the preparation of the report.

ADDRESSES: Submissions by electronic mail: *FR0071@ustr.gov.* Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, at (202) 395–6143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395–3475. Substantive questions concerning the employment impact review should be addressed to Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–4883; or William Clatanoff, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Labor, telephone (202) 395–6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background Information

On October 1, 2002, in accordance with section 2104(a)(1) of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, 19 U.S.C. 3804(a)(1), the United States Trade Representative notified the Congress of the President's intent to enter into trade negotiations with the five members of the Central American Economic Integration System (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, hereinafter ''Central America''). The notification letters to the Congress can be found on the USTR Web site at *http://www.ustr.gov/releases/2002/10/2002–10–01-centralamerica-house.PDF* and *http://www.ustr.gov/releases/2002/10/2002–10–01-centralamerica-senate.PDF,* respectively. The TPSC invited the public to provide written comments and/or oral testimony at a public hearing conducted on November 19, 2002, to assist USTR in formulating positions and proposals with respect to all aspects of the negotiations (67 FR 63954) (Oct. 16, 2002). The formal launch of the negotiations occurred on January 8, 2003 in Washington, D.C. The first round of negotiations took place January 27–31, 2003, in San Jose, Costa Rica, and the second round of negotiations was held February 24–28, 2003, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The FTA will build on the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI). Since 1985, the U.S. trade relationship with Central America has been driven by U.S. unilateral trade preferences through the CBI. By moving from unilateral trade preferences to a reciprocal trade agreement, the FTA will seek to eliminate duties and unjustified barriers to trade in both U.S.- and Central American-origin goods and also address trade in services, trade in agricultural products, investment, trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights, government procurement, trade-related environmental and labor matters, and other issues. The FTA is expected to contribute to stronger economies, the rule of law, sustainable development, and more accountable institutions of governance, complementing ongoing domestic, bilateral, and multilateral efforts in the region. Finally, the FTA will lend momentum to concluding the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations by January 2005.

Two-way trade in goods between the United States and Central America totaled $20 billion in 2001, consisting of $9 billion in U.S. exports and $11 billion in U.S. imports. Leading U.S. exports to Central America include textiles, machinery, electrical