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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Five Year Records Retention Period.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0096.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Burden: 253 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 0.01 second to 1.01 minute per response.

Number of Respondents: 201,437 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The five year records retention requirement enables BIS to detect violations from records up to five years old to correspond with the five year statute of limitations and prove that a violation did or did not take place. The documents can also provide exculpatory evidence for firms who have been accused of export control violations and are innocent.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, DOC Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via internet at dHynek@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Annual Capital Expenditures 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 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 October 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles Funk, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 1285-3, Washington, DC 20233-6400, (301) 763-3331 or via the Internet at charles.allen.funk@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans the continuing information collection for the 2004 through 2006 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES). The annual survey collects data on fixed assets and depreciation, sales and receipts, capitalized computer software, and capital expenditures for new and used structures and equipment. The ACES is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on actual business spending by domestic, private, nonfarm businesses operating in the United States. Both employer and nonemployer companies are included in the survey. The Bureau of Economic Analysis, the primary Federal user of our annual program statistics, uses the information in refining and evaluating

annual estimates of investment in structures and equipment in the national income and product accounts, compiling annual input-output tables, and computing gross domestic product by industry. The Federal Reserve Board uses the data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics uses the data to improve estimates of capital stocks for productivity analysis. Industry analysts use these data for market analysis, economic forecasting, identifying business opportunities, product development, and business planning.

Changes from the previous ACES are the elimination of the collection of detailed capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment, and the incorporation of the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) into the ACES.

Detailed capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment data were collected in the 2003 ACES. These data, collected together once every five years, will not be requested again until the 2008 ACES.

Previous year's estimates of capital expenditures were published on the 1997 NAICS basis. Beginning with the 2004 ACES, we will collect and publish data on the 2002 NAICS. Industries in the survey will be comprised of 3-digit and selected 4-digit 2002 NAICS codes.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Employer companies will be mailed one of three forms based on their diversity of operations and number of industries with payroll. Companies that operate in only one industry will receive an ACE-1 (S) form. Companies operating in more than one, but less than nine industries will receive an ACE-1 (M) form. And, companies that operate in nine or more industries will receive an ACE-1 (L). All nonemployer companies will receive ACE-2 forms. Respondent companies are permitted to respond via facsimile machine using our toll-free number. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial mailing. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0782.

Form Number: ACE-1(S), ACE-1(M), ACE-1(L), and ACE-2.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, small businesses or