

2007 Census of Governments, to obtain current addresses and to identify new districts. The quinquennial Census of Governments enumerates five types of local governments: County governments, municipal governments, township governments, school district governments, and special district governments. Lists of county, municipal and township governments are kept up-to-date through the Boundary and Annexation Survey conducted annually by the Geography Division of the Census Bureau. However, there is no national source of information on special district governments. We, therefore, enlist the help of county clerks, and similar county officials to provide information on changes in special districts, including the creation of new districts, disincorporation of existing districts, and address changes. An updated list is necessary for the subsequent phases of the Census of Governments to ensure complete coverage and minimize the number of postmaster returns and remailings caused by inaccurate addresses.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal government.

Frequency: Every 5 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 161.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202)482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the 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 Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: April 4, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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: Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).

Title: Online Databases: Performance, Phoenix, and Opportunity.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0640-0002.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 5,297.

Number of Respondents: 6,732.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: A primary mission of MBDA's is to increase the opportunity for minority and socially disadvantaged minorities to participate in our national economy through the formation and development of competitive minority-owned firms. To this end, MBDA awards competitive agreements for the delivery of management and technical assistance services directly to minority entrepreneurs. The purpose of the Performance, Phoenix and Opportunity Databases are to provide an electronic system for (1) entering the accomplishments of MBDA's funded organizations (Performance), (2) entering minority-owned businesses doing business in the United States (Phoenix), and (3) matchmaking contract opportunities with eligible minority companies listed in the Phoenix database (Opportunity).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profits, and State, Local or Tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion, quarterly, and biennially.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the 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, FAX number (202) 395-7258 or via the Internet at David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: April 4, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

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 June 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20233 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Julius Smith Jr., U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2135 FOB-4, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-4683 (or via the Internet at julius.smith.jr@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to revise the current OMB clearance to add a quarterly version of the Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization (SPCU). The SPCU is currently conducted annually, collecting data for fourth quarter operations. The annual survey collects, from manufacturing plants and publishers, the value of actual production and the value of production that could have been achieved if operating at "full production" and "emergency production" levels. The survey also collects data on work patterns by shift. These data include hours in operation, production workers, and plant hours worked. This annual survey will not change, it will continue to collect fourth quarter data.

The quarterly SPCU, form MQ-C2 will collect a subset of the annual survey for the first, second and third quarters. These data include actual and full production estimates as well as work pattern data for days of the week in operation, hours per week in operation, weeks in operation during

the quarter and production workers. The primary user of these data will be the Federal Reserve Board (FRB). The FRB has already expressed an interest in these data and will use them in several ways. First, the capital workweek data will be used as an indicator of capital use in the estimation of monthly output (industrial production). Second, the workweek data will also be used to improve the projections of labor productivity that are used to align industrial production (IP) with comprehensive benchmark information in the Economic Census covering the Manufacturing sector and Annual Survey of Manufactures. Third, the utilization rate data will assist in the assessment of recent changes in IP, as most of the high-frequency movement in utilization rates reflect production changes rather than capacity changes.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. For the quarterly survey, we will also offer an electronic version of the form that the respondents can respond to via the Internet. Companies will be asked to respond within 30 days of the initial mailing. This due date will be imprinted at the top of the form. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0175.

Form Number: MQ-C1 and MQ-C2.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Manufacturing and publishing plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: For the MQ-C2 (quarters one through three), the number of respondents will be approximately 6,000. For the MQ-C1 (the fourth quarter), the number of respondents will remain at 17,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: The estimated time per response is 1.5 hours for form MQ-C2 and 2.25 hours for form MQ-C1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Total annual burden hours for form MQ-C2 is 27,000, and for form MQ-C1, it remains 38,250. The total burden is 62,250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,202,558.

Respondents Obligation: Response to the quarterly form, MQ-C2 will be voluntary and response to the annual form, MQ-C1 will remain mandatory.

Legal Authority: These surveys are conducted under the authority of Title 13 U.S. Code, sections 182, 224 and 225.

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: April 4, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Advance Monthly Retail Trade 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 the 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 June 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comment 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: Scott Scheleur, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2626-FOB 3,

Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MARTS) provides an early indication of monthly retail sales at the United States level. MARTS also provides estimates of monthly sales of food service establishments and drinking places. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the data as critical inputs to the calculation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Policymakers such as the Federal Reserve Board need to have the timeliest estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. The Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) and other government agencies and businesses use the data to formulate economic policy and make decisions. These estimates have a high BEA priority because of their timeliness. There would be approximately a one-month delay in the availability of these data if the survey were not conducted. Data are collected monthly from small-size, medium-size, and large-size businesses which are selected using a stratified random sampling procedure. The MARTS sample is re-selected periodically, generally at two to three year intervals. Small-size and medium-size retailers are requested to participate for those two or three years, after which they are replaced with new panel respondents. Smaller firms have less of a chance for selection due to our sampling procedure. Firms canvassed in this survey are not required to maintain additional records and carefully prepared estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available. There is no change in response burden.

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, FAX, and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0104.

Form Number: SM-44(00)A, SM-44(00)AE, SM-44(00)AS, and SM-72(00)A.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.
Affected Public: Retail and Food Services firms in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondents for the fiscal year 2006 is estimated to be \$111,015 based on the median hourly salary of