

SURVEY TITLE—Continued

MA334Q ...	Semiconductors, Electronic Components, and Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment.
MA334T	Meters and Test Devices.
MA335E	Electric Housewares and Fans.
MA335F	Major Household Appliances.
MA335J	Insulated Wire and Cable.
MA335K	Wiring Devices and Supplies.

The following list of surveys represent annual counterparts of monthly and quarterly surveys and will cover only those establishments that are not canvassed, or do not report, in the more frequent surveys. Accordingly, there will be no duplication in reporting. The content of these annual reports (listed below) will be identical with that of the monthly and quarterly reports:

SURVEY TITLE

M311H	Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils (Stocks).
M311J	Oilseeds, Beans, and Nuts (Primary Producers).
M311L	Fats and Oils (Renderers).
M311M	Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils (Consumption and Stocks).
M311N	Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils (Production, Consumption, and Stock).
M313P	Consumption on the Cotton System.
M313N	Cotton and Raw Linters in Public Storage.
M327G	Glass Containers.
M336G	Civil Aircraft and Aircraft Engines.
MQ311A	Flour Milling Products.
MQ313A	Textiles.
MQ315A	Apparel.
MQ315B	Socks.
MQ325A	Inorganic Chemicals.
MQ325B	Fertilizer Materials.
MQ327D	Clay Construction Products.
MQ333W	Metalworking Machinery.
MQ334P	Telecommunications.
MQ334R	Computers and Peripheral Equipment.
MQ335C	Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts.

Annual Survey of Manufactures

The Annual Survey of Manufactures collects industry statistics, such as total value of shipments, employment, payroll, workers' hours, capital expenditures, cost of materials consumed, supplemental labor costs, and so forth. This survey, conducted on a sample basis, covers all manufacturing industries, including data on plants under construction but not yet in operation.

Survey of Industrial Research and Development

The Survey of Industrial Research and Development measures spending on research and development activities in private U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles this information in accordance with a joint project agreement between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Census Bureau. The NSF publishes the results in its publication series. Five data items in the survey provide interim statistics to those collected in the Census Bureau's economic censuses. These items (total company sales, total employment, total expenditures for research and development conducted within the company, federally-funded expenditures for research and development conducted within the company, and total expenditures and federally-funded expenditures for research and development within the company by state) are collected on a mandatory basis under the authority of Title 13, United States Code. Responses to all other data collected are voluntary.

Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

The Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization is designed to measure the use of industrial capacity. The survey collects information on actual output and estimates of potential output in terms of value of production. These data are the basis for calculating rates of utilization of full production capability and use of production capability under national emergency conditions.

Survey of Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures

Under a joint project agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Survey of Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures is designed to collect from establishments in manufacturing, mining, and electric utilities industries the total expenditures by industry and geographic area to abate pollutant emissions. The survey covers current operating costs and capital expenditures to abate air and water pollution and solid waste. The survey also obtains the costs recovered from abatement activities.

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 U.S.C., Chapter 35, the OMB approved the 2006 Annual Surveys under the following OMB control numbers: Current Industrial Reports—0607-0392, 0607-0395, and 0607-0476; Annual Survey of Manufactures—0607-0449; Survey of Industrial Research and Development—0607-0912; Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization—0607-0175, and Survey of Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures—0607-0176.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 5, 2006.

Charles Louis Kincannon,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Government Trade Information Request

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the 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 February 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230, or e-mail dHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Jessica Sanderson, The Advocacy Center, Room 3814A, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-2429, and fax number: (202) 482-3508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Department of Commerce invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the

proposed extension of the use of the U.S. Government (USG) Trade Information Request Form by the Trade Promotion Coordination Committee's (TPCC) Advocacy Network. The form is used to evaluate requests for USG advocacy in connection with overseas commercial bids, offers, and proposals directed at foreign governments. The International Trade Administration's (ITA) Advocacy Center marshals federal resources to assist U.S. commercial interests competing for foreign government commercial projects, procurements, investments, and business ventures worldwide. The mission of the Advocacy Center is to coordinate USG commercial advocacy in order to promote U.S. exports and trade, which both creates and sustains U.S. employment. The Advocacy Center works with and coordinates activities within the TPCC, which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and includes 19 federal agencies involved in export promotion.

The purpose of the Trade Information Request is to collect the information necessary to evaluate whether it would be in the U.S. national interest to provide advocacy on a specific case. USG advocacy guidelines exist to assist USG personnel in determining whether and to what extent USG advocacy is appropriate in connection with a transaction involving U.S. interests. The Trade Information Request Form was developed to collect only the information necessary to help the USG make a national interest determination consistent with the advocacy guidelines. The Advocacy Center, appropriate ITA officials, U.S. Embassy/Consulate officials worldwide, and other federal government agencies (the Advocacy Network) that provide advocacy support, will require firms seeking USG advocacy support to complete the request.

II. Method of Collection

When U.S. commercial interests request USG advocacy assistance, they are either sent Form ITA-4136P or referred to the Advocacy Center's Web site from which Form ITA-4136P may be downloaded, completed, signed, and filed.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0238.

Form Number: ITA-4136P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Commercial Interests seeking USG advocacy.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 205.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$15,300.00 (\$9,175.00 for respondents and \$6,125.00 for federal government).

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 costs) 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 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: December 5, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Internet Export Finance Matchmaker; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the 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 February 6, 2007.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Department of Commerce invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed extension of the use of the Internet Export Finance Matchmaker. The program is used to assist U.S. firms in identifying trade finance opportunities and promoting the competitiveness of U.S. financial services in international trade. The mission of the International Trade Administration (ITA) is to coordinate U.S. Government (USG) commercial advocacy in order to promote U.S. exports and trade, which both creates and sustains U.S. employment. The ITA interacts with private financial institutions in insurance, banking, leasing, factoring, bartering, and counter-trade; U.S. financing agencies, such as the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; multilateral development banks, such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and others.

To facilitate contact between exporters and financial institutions, the Office of Finance has developed an interactive Internet trade finance matchmaking program to link exporters seeking trade finance with banks and other financial institutions. The information collected from financial institutions regarding the trade finance products and services they offer is compiled into a database. An exporter is able to electronically submit a one-page form identifying the potential export transaction and type of financing requested. This information is electronically matched with the financial institution(s) that meet the requirements of the exporter. After a match has been made, a message is electronically sent to both the exporter and the financial institution containing information about the match, and contact information for either party to initiate communication. This program is designed to implement the Department of Commerce's goal of improving access to trade financing for small business exporters.