required quarterly of Manufacturing, Mining, Wholesale Trade and Retail Trade corporations generally with $50 million or more in assets at the time of sampling. The short form is a simplified version of the long form and is required to be filed quarterly by Manufacturing corporations generally with less than $50 million in assets at the time of sampling.

The importance of this data collection is reflected by the granting of specific authority to conduct the program in Title 13 of the United States Code, Section 91, which requires that financial statistics of business operations be collected and published quarterly. Public Law 109–79, Section 91 extended the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the QFR Program through September 30, 2015.

The main purpose of the QFR is to provide timely, accurate data on business financial conditions for use by Government and private-sector organizations and individuals. The primary public users are U.S. Governmental organizations with economic policymaking responsibilities. In turn, these organizations play a major role in providing guidance, advice, and support to the QFR Program. The primary private-sector data users are a diverse group including universities, financial analysts, unions, trade associations, public libraries, banking institutions, U.S. and foreign corporations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 91; Pub. L. 109–79, Section 91.

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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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (bharrison@omb.eop.gov).


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