Title: 2007 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO).

Form Number(s): SBO–1.

OMB Control Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 240,000.

Number of Respondents: 2,400,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 12 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The 2007 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO) will provide the only comprehensive, regularly collected source of information on selected economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race. It is conducted as part of the economic census program, which is required by law to be taken every five years.

The SBO collects data on the gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race for up to four persons owning the majority of rights, equity, or interest in the business. These data are needed to evaluate the extent and growth of business ownership by minorities and women in order to provide a framework for assessing and directing federal, state, and local government programs designed to promote the activities of disadvantaged groups.

Government program officials, industry organization leaders, economic and social analysts, and business entrepreneurs routinely use the SBO statistics. Examples of data use include those by:

- The Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development Agency (DOC/MBDA) to assess business assistance needs and allocate available program resources.
- Local government commissions on small and disadvantaged businesses to establish and evaluate contract procurement practices.
- Federal, state and local government agencies as a framework for planning, directing and assessing programs that promote the activities of disadvantaged groups.
- A national women-owned business trade association to assess women-owned businesses by industry and area, and educate other industry associations, corporations and government entities.
- Consultants and researchers to analyze long-term economic and demographic shifts, and differences in ownership and performance among geographic areas.
- Individual business owners to analyze their operations in comparison to similar firms, compute their market share, and assess their growth and future prospects.

The businesses which reported any business activity on any one of the following Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms will be eligible for survey selection: 1040 (Schedule C), ''Profit or Loss from Business'' (Sole Proprietorship); 1065, ''U.S. Return of Partnership Income''; 941, ''Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return''; 944 ''Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return;'' or any one of the 1,120 corporate tax forms.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Every 5 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 131, 193, and 224.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

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, fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (*bharrisk@omb.eop.gov*).

Dated: October 11, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Program: Applications and Questionnaires

AGENCY: International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 17, 2007.

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 and instructions should be directed to Tracy M. Rollins, (202) 482–0073, *tracy.rollins@mail.doc.gov*, fax (202) 482–2443.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Programs of the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA), are a key element in the U.S. Government's efforts to support the economic transition of Eurasia (the former Soviet Union). SABIT develops and implements one-month training programs for groups of up to 18 professionals from Eurasia. They are trained by U.S. companies in various business practices and principles. This unique private sector-U.S. Government partnership was created in order to tap the U.S. private sector's expertise in assisting Eurasia's transition to a market economy while boosting U.S.-Eurasian long-term trade.

The participant applications and feedback (exit) surveys are needed to enable SABIT to find the most qualified people for the training programs and to track the success of the program as regards to trade between the U.S. and the countries of Eurasia, as well as to improve the content and administration of the programs.

The closing date for applications and supplemental materials is based upon the starting date of the program and is published, with the application, on the program's Russian-language Web site at *www.sabitprogram.org.* Pursuant to section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the ''Act''), funding for the program will be provided by the Agency for International Development (AID).

SABIT is not requesting renewal of all the forms in this collection, the Insurance Form and Grant Application for U.S. Companies will be discontinued.

II. Method of Collection

Applications are sent to program candidates via facsimile or mail upon request. Applications are also posted on the SABIT Russian language Web site at *http://www.sabitprogram.org.*

Feedback surveys are given to participating U.S. companies and Eurasian participants at the completion of programs. End-of-Internship forms are given to individual participating U.S. companies hosting internships.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625–0225.

Form Number(s): ITA–4143P–5.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,250.

Estimated Time Per Response: Application, 3 hours; feedback form, 1 hour; and end-of-internship form, 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,875.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $60,250.

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: October 11, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Implementation of Tariff Rate Quota Established Under the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 for Imports of Certain Cotton Woven Fabrics

AGENCY: International Trade Administration (ITA).

ACTION: Notice.

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. 35068(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 17, 2007.

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: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Laurie Mease, Room 3100, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482–2043 and fax number: (202) 482–2859; or via the Internet at *Laurie_Mease@ita.doc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Tax Relief and Heath Care Act of 2006 (''the Act'') contains provisions to assist the men's and boys'' cotton shirting industry. Among these provisions, the Act creates an annual tariff rate quota (TRQ) providing for temporary reductions through December 31, 2009, in the import duties of cotton woven fabrics suitable for making men's and boys' cotton shirts (new Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) headings 9902.52.08, 9902.52.09, 9902.52.10, 9902.52.11, 9902.52.12, 9902.52.13, 9902.52.14, 9902.52.15, 9902.52.16, 9902.52.17, 9902.52.18, and 9902.52.19). The reduction in duty is limited to 85 percent of the total square meter equivalents of all imported woven fabrics of cotton containing 85 percent or more by weight cotton used by manufacturers in cutting and sewing men's and boy's cotton shirts in the United States and purchased by such manufacturer during calendar year 2000.

Section 406(b)(1) of the Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to fairly allocate the tariff rate quota. More specifically, the Secretary of Commerce must issue licenses and ensure that the tariff rate quota is fairly allocated to eligible manufacturers under such headings 9902.52.08 through 9902.52.19. The TRQ is effective for goods entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2007, and will remain in force through 2009. The TRQ will be allocated each year and a TRQ allocation will be valid only in the year for which it is issued.

The Department of Commerce published regulations establishing procedures for allocation of the tariff rate quotas (72 FR 141, 15 CFR part 336). The Department must collect certain information in order to fairly allocate the TRQ to eligible persons. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection request (OMB Number 0625–0260) with an expiration date of December 31, 2007. This request for comment is for the proposed information collection after December 31, 2007.

II. Method of Collection

The information collection forms will be provided via the Internet (*http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/cottontrq.nsf/trqapp*) and by mail to requesting firms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625–0260.

Form Number: ITA–4156P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: $500.

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