NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: U.S. Census Bureau.
Title: Annual Capital Expenditures Survey.
Form Number(s): ACE–1(S), ACE–1(M), ACE–1(L), ACE–2.
OMB Control Number: 0607–0782.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 132,900.
Number of Respondents: 61,000.
Average Hours per Response: 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: A major concern of economic policymakers is the adequacy
of investment in plant and equipment. The data on the amount of business
expenditures for new plant and equipment and measures of the stock of
existing facilities are critical to evaluating productivity growth, the
ability of U.S. business to compete with foreign business, changes in industrial
capacity, and overall economic performance. The ACES survey is the
sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on investment in buildings and
other structures, machinery, and equipment by private nonfarm
businesses in the United States.

Data users tell us that they need comprehensive and consistent data on
investment by all private nonfarm businesses, by industry, by kind of
investment, i.e., whether in new or used structures or equipment. The objectives
of the ACES survey are:

(a) To provide estimates of capital expenditures for all private nonfarm
sectors of the economy by 3-digit and selected 4-digit North American
Industry Classification System (NAICS) levels;
(b) To base the survey on a probability sample that yields measures of the
statistical reliability of the survey estimates;
(c) To develop a base survey to benchmark more frequent surveys on
capital expenditures that do not have complete industry coverage;
(d) To produce annual enterprise-level data with the level of detail,
coverage, and quality which previously was only available as part of the
quinquennial economic census;
(e) To provide detail on capital expenditures for estimating the national
income and product accounts, estimating the productivity of U.S.
industries, evaluating fiscal and monetary policy, and conducting
research using capital expenditures data; and
(f) To provide industry analysts with capital expenditures data for market
analysis, economic forecasting, product development, and business planning.

This request is for a revision of a currently approved collection and will cover the 2007 through 2009 ACES
(conducted in fiscal years 2008–2010). Changes from the previous ACES
authorization are the collection of capital expenditures by type of structure
and type of equipment in the 2008 ACES, and the incorporation of the 2007
North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in the 2009 ACES.

Capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment were
last collected from employer companies in the 2003 ACES. These data, collected
together once every five years, will again be collected in the 2008 ACES.
The data are critical to evaluating the comprehensiveness of capital
expenditures statistics in years detailed data on types of structures and
equipment are not collected. The detailed structures data will provide a 5-year benchmark for estimates of new
construction put in place. The detailed equipment data will provide a periodic
measure of expenditures by type of equipment and assist in evaluating
estimates of the private equipment and software components of nonresidential
fixed investment.

Through the 2008 ACES, data will be based on the 2002 NAICS. Beginning
with the 2009 ACES, however, we will collect and publish data based on the
2007 NAICS. Industries in the survey will comprise 3-digit and 4-digit 2007
NAICS codes.

To collect data, the Census Bureau will rely primarily on mail out/mail
back survey forms. Employer companies will be mailed one of three forms based on the
diversity of their operations, i.e., the number of industries in which they
have payroll. All employer forms will have the 3-digit or selected 4-digit
NAICS industries imprinted on the form to minimize the need for industry self
coding.

Companies that operate in only one industry will receive an ACE–1(S) form.
These companies will not be asked to report capital expenditures by industry,
thus eliminating the need for industry
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 (bharissk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: November 2, 2007.

Gwennar Banks, Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer. [FR Doc. E7–21932 Filed 11–7–07; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Title: Certification for Retailers to Accept and Redeem Coupons for the Purchase of a Digital-to-Analog Converter Box. OMB Approval Number: 0660–0020. Agency Form Number: DTV–1. Type of Request: Emergency submission.

Burden Hours: 2,000.
Average Time per Response: 30 minutes.
Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Needs and Uses: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) proposes to add additional questions to the retailer certification form for the digital-to-analog converter box coupon program. In March 2007, NTIA published a Final Rule that outlined the parameters of the coupon program for consumers, retailers, and manufacturers. As part of that rulemaking, NTIA discussed its information requirements for consumers, manufacturers and retailers. NTIA received approval from OMB on its information collection certification for retailers, but has determined that additional information is needed to ensure that the program is run efficiently. The additional information required from retailers will ensure, among other things, that: (1) Retailers are timely reimbursed; (2) there is consumer information regarding the availability of converter boxes; (3) retailers are complying with program regulations; (4) there is information available as to the geographic location of converter boxes; and (5) the program is able to minimize waste, fraud, and abuse.

An agreement will be on a retailer Web site that will enable retailers to provide the information previously approved by OMB as part of the information collection. This agreement, which is also available to retailers in a hard copy format, also requires additional information from retailers.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by November 14, 2007 to Jasmeet K. Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395–5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K._Seehra@omb.eop.gov.


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The Department of Commerce will submit 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: U.S. Census Bureau. Title: Information and Communication Technology Survey. Form Number(s): ICT–1(S), ICT–1(M), ICT–1(L).

OMB Control Number: 0607–0909. Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection. Burden Hours: 80,040.
Number of Respondents: 46,000.
Average Hours per Response: 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Economic policymakers are concerned about the