DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.


DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Janet I. Stockhausen, USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53726–2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the address given above; telephone: 608–231–9502; fax: 608–231–9508; or e-mail: jstockhausen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government’s patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation of Madison, Wisconsin has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 3 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Forest Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 3 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner, Assistant Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Automated Export System (AES) Program

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 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 instructions on how to complete the collection instrument should be directed to Joe A. Cortez, Chief, Regulations, Outreach and Education Branch, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 6K125, Washington, DC 20233–6700, (301) 763–1413, by fax (301) 763–8635 or via the Internet at joe.a.cortez@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Automated Export System (AES), is the instrument used for collecting export trade information. The data collected from this source is compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau and functions as the basis for the official U.S. export trade statistics. These statistics are used to determine the balance of international trade, and are also designated for use as a principal economic indicator. Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Chapter 9, Section 301 authorizes the Census Bureau to collect, compile and publish export trade data. Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 30, contains the regulatory provisions for preparing and filing the AES record. These data are used in the development of U.S. Government policies that affect the economy. These data also enable U.S. businesses to develop practical export marketing strategies as well as provide a means for the assessment of the impact of exports on the domestic economy. These data collected from the AES record are also used for export control purposes under Title 50, U.S.C., Export Administration Act, to detect and prevent the export of certain items by unauthorized parties or to unauthorized destinations or end users.

The Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR) were published on June 2, 2008, and were implemented September 30, 2008. These regulations require the mandatory filing of export information through the AES or AESDirect. Currently, the Foreign Trade Regulations are being amended to reflect new export reporting requirements.

The Census Bureau plans to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule (NPR) addressing these changes and giving the