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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Because of both the monetary costs associated with turnover and the potential impact on data quality, the retention of trained field interviewing staff is a major concern for the Census Bureau. In a continuous effort to devise policies and practices aimed at reducing turnover among interviewers, the Census Bureau collects data on the reasons interviewers voluntarily quit their jobs with the Census Bureau. The BC-1294, Field Representative Exit Questionnaire, is the instrument used to collect this data from a sample of former current survey interviewers.

The BC-1294 asks questions about the factors that affected an interviewer's decision to voluntarily leave Census Bureau employment. The goal or purpose of the exit questionnaire is to identify the reasons for interviewer turnover and determine what the Census Bureau might have done, or can do, to influence interviewers not to leave their jobs. The exit questionnaire seeks reasons interviewers quit, inquires about motivational factors that would have kept the interviewers from leaving, identifies training program strengths and areas for improvement, and explores the impact of automation and the influence of pay and other working conditions on turnover.

As the environment in which surveys take place, the nature of surveys conducted, and the characteristics of our labor force continue to change, it is important that we continue to examine the interviewers' concerns about their former job as Census Bureau interviewers. Information obtained from the exit survey has provided insight on the measures the Census Bureau might take to decrease turnover, and has been useful in helping to determine if the reasons for interviewer turnover appear to be systemic and/or localized. From the BC-1294, we have learned that interviewer turnover is often a combination of reasons rather than one single reason. We have also learned that there are some reasons for turnover within the Census Bureau's control and some which are not.

The data we have collected from former current survey field representatives has helped the Census Bureau develop plans to reduce turnover. Results from prior versions of the exit survey have allowed for better

informed management decisions regarding the future field work force and the implementation of more effective recruitment, pay plans, interviewer training, and retention strategies. The BC-1294, Field Representative Exit Questionnaire, has proven to be very useful and we want to continue to use it.

Since our last clearance, our current survey interviewers have been given new tools (e.g., a GPS and mapping software) to help them work more effectively and efficiently. In addition, the Census Bureau implemented a new current survey selection process designed to improve recruiting and retention. We plan to incorporate questions into the BC-1294 to ask former employees what, if any, impact these program changes had on their decision to leave their Census Bureau job.

Plans for the current 2020 inter-decade testing have not been finalized at this time. We do not anticipate any large scale field site tests involving the use of the BC-1294(D), Decennial Field Staff Exit Questionnaire or the BC-1294(CM), Coverage Measurement Exit Questionnaire during the upcoming three years.

II. Method of Collection

The exit questionnaire will be administered by telephone. While the use of automated collection techniques have been considered, a telephone methodology is employed due to the nature of the questions, which may require probing to obtain or clarify answers. In addition, a telephone methodology has historically yielded response rates that are greater than those obtained from similar mail out/mail back methodologies, especially when the collection interval is relatively short and the audience is former employees.

A sample of former employees will be called and asked a series of questions about when and why they voluntarily quit their job. The sample will not include interviewers who have been terminated for cause.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0404.

Form Number: BC-1294.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Former Census Bureau Current Survey Field Representatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: Seven (7) minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 58.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondents except for their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 5 U.S.C. Section 301, 2301 and 3101.

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: August 30, 2011.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a

decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE 7/27/2011 THROUGH 8/25/2011

Firm name	Address	Date accepted for investigation	Products
Colonial Mills, Inc	560 Mineral Spring Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02862.	8/23/2011	The firm manufactures braided-texture area rugs and accessories including baskets, stair treads and chair pads.
Dungeness Development Associates, Inc	313 E Robert Bush Dr., P.O. Box 127, South Bend, WA 98586.	8/19/2011	The firm manufactures canned shrimp and canned albacore.
Esher & Hamilton, Inc	501 S. 8th Street, La Porte, TX 77571-4949.	8/4/2011	The firm manufactures custom cabinets.
Great American Appetizers, Inc	216 8th Street North, Nampa, ID 83687	8/2/2011	The firm manufactures appetizers for retail, club, and foodservice customers.
Jackson Cabinetry, LLC	621 N. Jackson Street, Covington, LA 70433-2533.	8/8/2011	The firm manufactures custom and semi-custom cabinets.
Methods Distributors and Manufacturers, Inc.	104 Sayton Road, Fox Lake, IL 60020 ..	7/27/2011	The firm manufactures plastic and metal screws and fasteners for pressurized devices such as fuel pumps, and compressed air pumps.
Permlight Products, Inc	422 West 6th Street, Tustin, CA 92780-4334.	8/25/2011	The firm manufactures LED-based light engines for general illumination.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room 7106, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Dated: August 26, 2011.

Bryan Borlik,

Director, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC) will meet on September 16, 2011, 8:30 a.m., Room 3884, at the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The

Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on emerging technology and research activities, including those related to deemed exports.

Agenda

Friday, September 16

Closed Session: 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

Open Session: 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

1. ETRAC Member Discussion Emerging Technology Analysis.

Open Session: 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

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2. Public Comments.

3. ETRAC Member Discussion Emerging Technology Analysis.

The open sessions will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov no later than September 9, 2011.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members,

the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via e-mail.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on August 15, 2011, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of a proposed agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.

Dated: August 29, 2011.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application for Export Trade; Certificate of Review

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.