The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated funds for BTOP, which included competitive grants to expand public computer center capacity and innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service. Section 6001 of the Recovery Act establishes five core purposes to be advanced by projects funded under BTOP:

1. To provide access to broadband service to consumers residing in unserved areas of the country;
2. To provide improved access to broadband service to underserved areas of the country;
3. To provide broadband access, education, and support to community anchor institutions (e.g., schools, libraries, and medical facilities), or organizations and agencies serving vulnerable populations (e.g., low-income, unemployed, and aged), or job-creating strategic facilities located in State- or Federally-designated economic development areas;
4. To improve access to, and use of, broadband service by public safety agencies; and
5. To stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

OMB also requires agencies administering grant programs to
implement post-award financial and performance reporting for those programs. Finally, the Department of Commerce’s implementation of OMB’s Uniform Administrative Requirements authorizes NTIA to require performance reports from BTOP grant recipients.

To date, NTIA has utilized OMB-approved Performance Progress Reports (PPRs) to capture quarterly and annual reports for each project type (Infrastructure, Public Computer Center, and Sustainable Broadband Adoption). Each PPR provides updates on fundamental project milestones and key performance indicators that allow NTIA to measure project progress and ensure proper monitoring and compliance with program rules.

After reviewing recent PPRs, NTIA identified a need to collect additional information from Infrastructure grant recipients to assess more accurately the progress of BTOP grants in relation to intended program benefits. Specifically, NTIA modified its existing annual performance report for Infrastructure awards by adding questions that require Infrastructure grantees to provide supplemental information regarding project deployment. NTIA requires this additional project implementation information to better monitor and assess the effect BTOP grant awards are having on meeting program goals, including increasing broadband availability and adoption and achieving economic and social benefits in communities served by the grantees.

NTIA intends to use the information collected to: (1) Identify more accurately BTOP grant beneficiaries; (2) track better a project’s progress against program-specific objectives; (3) facilitate further monitoring and oversight efforts of existing grantees; and (4) ensure that grant projects will have the intended sustained impacts.

II. Method of Collection

The reports will be submitted electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0660–0037.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal government organizations.

Number of Respondents: 121.

Average Burden Hours per Respondent for the Annual Report: 3.94.

Average Burden Hours for the Additional Responses in the Annual Report: 2.0.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours on Respondents: 719.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. They will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 5, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Establishment of the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Committee Establishment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is hereby giving notice that the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the National Advisory Committee of Race, Ethnic, and Other Populations is necessary and in the public interest. The Committee will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Copies of the charter will be filed with the appropriate Committees of the Congress and with the Library of Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Chief, Office of External Engagement, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–2075 or Jeri.Green@Census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau’s National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations will advise the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities. The Advisory Committee will provide race, ethnic, and other population expertise from the following disciplines: economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, behavioral and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy, and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

Robert M. Groves,
Director, Bureau of the Census.

International Trade Administration

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Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Taiwan: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: In response to separate requests from United States Steel Corporation and Nucor Corporation, interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Taiwan. The period of review is November 1, 2010, through October 31, 2011. Based on the withdrawal of requests for review submitted by United States Steel Corporation and Nucor Corporation, we are now rescinding this administrative review.

DATES: Effective Date: March 9, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Bezirganian or Robert James, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1131 or (202) 482–0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 30, 2011, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of initiation of an