

and supplemental materials to be submitted by applicants. Application form instructions specify requirements imposed upon the agency when reviewing applicants as potential council members or alternates, including the need to assess potential conflicts of interest (or other issues) and the applicant's status as a federally-registered lobbyist. Specific questions posed to applicants have been reordered, reworded and, at times, condensed to improve the organization of applicant responses and, thereby, simplify the applicant review process.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions, Federal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *Jjessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

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Dated: March 9, 2012.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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 provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Minority Business Development Agency.

Title: Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards Program.

OMB Control Number: 0640-0025.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours Per Response: 2.

Burden Hours: 200.

Needs and Uses: One of MBDA's largest initiatives is the annual National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conference. The MED Week Conference recognizes the role that minority entrepreneurs play in building the American economy through the creation of jobs, products and services, in addition to supporting their local communities. The MED Week Conference includes stakeholders from the public and private sectors and provides a venue to discuss critical business issues affecting minority business, as well as strategies to foster the growth and competitiveness of the minority business community. The MED Week Awards Program is a key element of the MED Week Conference as it celebrates the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs and other supporters of the minority business community. The MED Week Awards Programs has several award categories including the Minority Construction Firm of the Year, Minority Technology Firm of the Year, Minority Supplier Distributor of the Year, Advocate of the Year, Media Award, Distinguished Supplier Diversity Award, Access to Capital Awards, Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award, and the Abe Venable Award for Lifetime Achievement. Nominations for these awards are open to the public. MBDA must collect two kinds of information: (a) Information identifying the nominee and nominator; and (b) information explaining why the nominee should be given the award. The information will be used to determine those applicants that best meet the preannounced selection criterion. Use of a nomination form standardizes and limits the information collected as part of the nomination process. This makes the competition fair and eases the burden of applicants and reviewers. Participation in the MED Week Awards Program is voluntary and the awards are strictly honorary.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas Fraser, (202) 395-5887.

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DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *Jjessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nicholas Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or via the Internet at *Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1818]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 71; Windsor Locks, CT

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Economic and Industrial Development Commission of Windsor Locks, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 71, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 71 to include a site in East Granby/Windsor, Connecticut, within the Hartford Customs and Border Protection port of entry (FTZ Docket 47-2011, filed 7/5/2011);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 40688-40689, 7/11/2011) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 71 is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.