

The survey also collects information by shift, on work patterns at the actual production level.

The FRB is the primary user of the current QPC data and expressed the need for these quarterly data. The FRB publishes measures of industrial production (IP) that are either estimated from physical product data or estimated from monthly data on inputs to the production process, specifically production worker hours and an indicator of capital input. For many years, data on electric power use was used as the indicator of industry capital input. The deregulation of electricity markets led to the deterioration in the coverage and quality of the electricity data. As a result, in November 2005, the FRB discontinued its use of the industrial electric power data in the current estimates of IP. In order to maintain the quality of the IP index, the collection of these quarterly utilization data, such as the workweek of capital, become critical indicators of capital input use and industry output.

The FRB will use these data in several ways. First, the QPC data is the primary source of the benchmark information for utilization rates. Second, the capital workweek data is used as an indicator of capital use in the estimation of monthly output (IP). Third, the workweek data is used to improve the projections of labor productivity that are used to align IP with comprehensive benchmark information from the Economic Census covering the Manufacturing sector and Annual Survey of Manufactures. Finally, utilization rate data will assist in the assessment of recent changes in IP, as most of the high-frequency movement in utilization rates reflect production changes rather than capacity changes.

The Defense Logistics Agency uses the data to assess readiness to meet demand for goods under selected national emergency scenarios.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

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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:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0104.

*Form Number(s):* SM-44(06)A, SM-44(06)AE, SM-44(06)AS, SM-72(06)A, SM-44(06)FA, SM-44(06)FAE, SM-44(06)FAS, SM-72(06)FA.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden Hours:* 5,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MARTS) covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in retail trade and/or food services sectors as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The MARTS was developed in response to requests by government, business, and other users to provide an early indication of current retail trade activity in the United States. MARTS also provides an estimate of monthly sales at food service establishments and drinking places. Policymakers such as the Federal Reserve Board need to have the timeliest estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. Results from this survey provide the earliest possible look at consumer spending and are necessary for the calculation of the personal consumption expenditures component of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Without the MARTS, the Census Bureau's earliest measure of retail sales is the "preliminary" estimate from the full monthly sample released about 40

days after the reference month. Advance estimates are released approximately 12 days after the reference month. We intend to introduce a new MARTS sample in Spring 2013.

The U.S. Census Bureau tabulates the collected data to provide, with measured reliability, statistics on United States retail sales. These sales estimates, are used by the Council of Economic Advisers, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve Board, and other government agencies, as well as business users in formulating economic decisions. These estimates are especially valued by data users because of their timeliness. There would be approximately a one month delay in the availability of these statistics if this survey were not conducted.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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#### Foreign-Trade Zone 70—Detroit, MI Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Greater Detroit Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 70, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board