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).


Title: Online Customer Relationship Management (CRM)/Performance Databases, Online Phoenix Database, and Online Opportunity Database.

OMB Control Number: 0640–0002.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Number of Respondents: 2,633.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 to 210 minutes, depending on the function.

Burden Hours: 4,516.

Needs and Uses: As part of its national service delivery system, MBDA awards cooperative agreements each year to fund the provision of business development services to eligible minority business enterprises (MBEs). The recipient of each cooperative agreement is competitively selected to operate one of the following business center programs: (1) An MBDA Business Center or (2) a Native American Business Enterprise Center (NABEC). In accordance with the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA), MBDA requires all center operators to report basic client information, service activities and progress on attainment of program goals via the Online CRM/ Performance Databases. The data collected through the Online CRM/ Performance Databases is used to regularly monitor and evaluate the progress of MBDA’s funded centers, to provide the Department and OMB with a summary of the quantitative information that it requires about government supported programs, and to implement the GPRA. This information is also summarized and included in the MBDA Annual Performance Report, which is made available to the public.

Additionally, NABEC program award recipients are required to list MBEs to conduct business in the United States in the Online Phoenix Database. This listing is used to match those registered MBEs with opportunities entered in the Online Opportunity Database by public and private sector entities. The MBEs may also self-register via the Online Phoenix Database for notification of potential business opportunities.

Affected Public: Business or other nonprofit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; Federal, State, Local or Tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion, semi-annually, annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

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

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 jfessup@doc.gov.

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

Dated: June 22, 2012.

Glenna Mickelson,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1835]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 230 Under Alternative Site Framework; Piedmont Triad Area, NC

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 Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (74 FR 1170, 01/12/2009; correction 74 FR 3987, 01/22/2009; 75 FR 71069–71070, 11/22/2010) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones;

Whereas, the Piedmont Triad Partnership, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 230, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket 4–2012, filed 01/11/2012) for authority to reorganize under the ASF with a service area of Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties, North Carolina, within and adjacent to the Winston Salem U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry, and FTZ 230’s Sites 1–7, 9–11, 16–18 and 20–22 would be categorized as magnet sites, and FTZ 230’s Sites 8, 12–15 and 19 would be categorized as usage-driven sites;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (77 FR 2698–2699, 01/19/2012) 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 reorganize FTZ 230 under the alternative site framework is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, to the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall general-purpose zone project, and to a five-year ASF sunset provision for magnet sites that would terminate authority for Sites 1, 3–7, 9–11, 16–18 and 20–22 if not activated by June 30, 2017, and to a three-year sunset provision for usage-driven sites that would terminate authority for Sites 8, 12–14 and 19 if no foreign-status.
merchandise is admitted for a bona fide customs purpose by June 30, 2015.

Signed at Washington, DC, this June 18, 2012.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:
Elizabeth Whiteman,
Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Domestic Client Life-Cycle Multi-Purpose Forms

AGENCY: International Trade Administration.

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 (PRA) of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Suzan Winters—Phone: (202) 482–6042, Suzan.Winters@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The International Trade Administration’s U.S. Commercial Service (CS) is seeking approval to revise this information collection by combining with other OMB control numbers: 0625–0065, 0625–0130, 0625–0151, 0625–0215, 0625–0220, 0625–0228, 0625–0237, and 0625–0238. These collections include all client intake, events/activities and export success forms. This comprehensive information collection will cover all aspects of a U.S. organization’s life-cycle with CS. CS is mandated by Congress to help U.S. organizations, particularly small and medium-sized organizations, export their products and services to global markets. As part of its mission, the CS provides market entry/expansion services and trade events to U.S. organizations. The Domestic Client Life-cycle Multi-Purpose Forms, previously titled Export Information Services Order Forms, are needed to collect information to enable, but not limited to small and medium sized, U.S. organizations to efficiently and effectively enhance their ability to determine which international organizations are most suited for their exporting expansion efforts.

The key to effectively and efficiently assist U.S. organizations export is identifying and verifying potential international buyers of U.S. goods and services—

1. Create an all inclusive and flexible client life-cycle information collection. The proposed categories of questions are: contact information, organization information, organization type, agreements and confirmations, objectives, products and services, exporting experience, marketing, events and activities, trade fair/show, certified trade missions, trade missions, advocacy, environment, and education. CS asks only those questions that provide the required information to assist CS in fulfilling a client’s objective for a requested service and/or event/ activity.

2. Provide CS with the flexibility to create multi-purpose forms from the above approved categories and their questions. Client benefits include customizing questions, forms, and services to address their specific needs and objectives. Without this flexibility, CS is impeded from collecting pertinent client information in an effective and efficient manner.

Therefore, with this flexibility, and the ability to immediately ascertain key information, U.S. organizations are productively positioned to achieve their exporting and expansion goals.

3. Reduce client burden through forms’ flexibility and technology. CS seeks increased forms flexibility to ensure that CS asks and captures only the specific information needed for a particular service/event, thereby continuing to reduce client burdens as CS utilizes pre-populated information for clients who have previously registered with CS. As CS moves forward, we understand the importance and need for strategic planning and integration of future technology and initiatives that relate to CS programs and metrics with the types of information collected from clients to conduct those programs.

Additionally, the most important, positive impact is the ability to quickly change and ask pertinent questions to assist clients with their exporting needs regarding matchmaking services, organization promotions, trade missions, market research and other trade promotional activities.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected through Export.gov or sent via email and then completed by client electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625–0143.

Form Number(s): NA.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 5–25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 29,167.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

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: June 22, 2012.

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

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