DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; State Government Research and Development (R&D) Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

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 of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before December 24, 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 j Jessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Lisa McNelis, U.S. Census Bureau, Governments Division, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233–6800; (301) 763–7344.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the United States Census Bureau plan to continue to conduct the biennial State Government Research and Development Survey (SGRD) to measure research and development supported and performed by state governments in the United States. This survey is a joint effort between the NSF and the Census Bureau. The NSF Act of 1950 includes a statutory charge to “provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies in the Federal Government.” Under the aegis of this legislative mandate, the NSF sponsored surveys of research and development since 1953, including since 2006 the State Government R&D Survey. The Census Bureau’s authority to undertake this work is found at 13 U.S.C. 8(b) which provides that the Census Bureau “may make special statistical compilations and surveys for departments, agencies, and establishments of the Federal government, the government of the District of Columbia, the government of any possession or area (including political subdivisions thereof) * * * State or local agencies, or other public and private persons and agencies.” The State Government Research and Development Survey is the only comprehensive source of research and development expenditure data collected on a nationwide scale using uniform definitions, concepts, and procedures. The collection covers the expenditures of all agencies in the fifty state governments, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico that conduct research and development. The NSF has coordinated with the Census Bureau for the data collection. The NSF uses this collection to satisfy its need to collect research and development expenditures data. Fiscal data provided by respondents aid data users in measuring the effectiveness of resource allocation. The products of this data collection make it possible for data users to obtain information on such things as expenditures according to source of funding, by performer of the work (i.e., internal and external to state agencies), by type (e.g., agriculture, energy, health, transportation, etc.), by character of work (i.e., basic research, applied research, or development), and by R&D plant (e.g., construction projects). Final results produced by the NSF contain state and national estimates useful to a variety of data users interested in research and development performance including: the National Science Board; the Office of Management and Budget; the Office of Science and Technology Policy and other science policy makers; institutional researchers; and private organizations.

The survey announcements and forms used in the research and development survey are:

Survey Announcement. The Governor’s letter is mailed to solicit the Governor’s Office to announce the survey collection and for assignment of a State Coordinator to facilitate the assistance of the state agencies. The State Coordinator’s Announcement is sent electronically at the beginning of each survey period with information regarding their role in facilitating their state agency responses and data submissions. It establishes the conditions by which the state agencies provide their research and expenditure data to the Census Bureau.

Form SRD–1. The form contains item descriptions and definitions of the research and development items collected jointly by the Census Bureau and the NSF. It is used primarily as a worksheet and instruction guide by the state agencies providing research and development expenditure data in their respective states. All states supply their data by electronic means.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau collects all of the research and development expenditure data from approximately 500 state agencies facilitated by a State Coordinator appointed by their Governor. Once an agency completes and submits their data to the State Coordinator, the State Coordinator reviews and submits this information to the Census Bureau in electronic format over the Internet via file transfer protocol.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0933.

Form Number: SRD–1.

Type of Review: Regular submission.


Estimated Number of Respondents: 52 state coordinators and 500 State agencies.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours for every state coordinator and 1 hour and 45 minutes for every state agency.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 542.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $19,000.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.


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.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[ B–75–2012 ]

Foreign Trade Zone 35—Philadelphia, PA; Application for Reorganization and Expansion Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 35, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on October 19, 2012.


The current zone includes the following sites: Site 1 (2.4 acres)—2994–2996 Samuel Drive, Bensalem, Bucks County; Site 2 (90 acres)—Pier 98 South Annex, Columbus Blvd. at Oregon Ave., Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; Site 3 (3 acres)—Pier 38 and Pier 40, 1 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; Site 4 (35 acres)—Penn Terminals Complex, 1 Saville Avenue, Eddystone, Delaware County; Site 5 (38 acres)—Publick Site, 2937 Christopher Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; Site 7 (2 acres)—American Foodservice Corporation, 400 Drew Court, King of Prussia, Montgomery County; Site 8 (35 acres)—Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; Site 10 (4.8 acres)—Philadelphia Naval Complex, Building 694, 1701 Langley Avenue, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; Site 11 (37.5 acres)—Urban Outfitters, Inc., 755 Brackbill Road, Gap, Lancaster County (approved on a temporary basis until 12/31/2012); and, Site 12 (80 acres)—Kinder Morgan Bulk Terminals, Inc., 1 Sinter Road, Fairless Hills, Bucks County (approved on a temporary basis until 11/30/2013).

The grantee’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Lancaster and Berks Counties, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Philadelphia Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone project to include existing Sites 1–12, as “magnet” sites and existing Sites 7, 8 and 11 as usage-driven sites. The applicant is also requesting approval of the following usage-driven sites: Proposed Site 13 (2.462 acres)—Delaware River Stevedores, Inc., 3451 North Delaware Ave., Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; Proposed Site 14 (10.12 acres)—David’s Bridal, Inc., 44 North Lane, Conshohocken, Montgomery County; and, Proposed Site 15 (26.5 acres)—David’s Bridal, Inc., 100 Crossing Drive, Suite B, Bristol, Bucks County. The application would have no impact on FTZ 35’s previously authorized subzones.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board. Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 24, 2012. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 7, 2013.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, 2002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482–0475.

Dated: October 9, 2012.

Elizabeth Whiteman, Acting Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[ A–533–840 ]

Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From India

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

SUMMARY: Apex Frozen Foods Private Limited (Apex Frozen) has requested a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on certain frozen warmwater shrimp from India pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.216(b). The Department of Commerce (the Department) is initiating this changed circumstances review and issuing this notice of preliminary results pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii). We have preliminarily determined that Apex Frozen is the successor-in-interest to Apex Exports (Apex).

DATES: Effective Date: October 24, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Eastwood or David Crespo, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–3874 or (202) 482–3693, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 1, 2005, the Department published in the Federal Register an antidumping duty order on certain frozen warmwater shrimp from India.¹ On September 6, 2012, Apex Frozen informed the Department that on April 1, 2012, Apex legally converted from a partnership firm to a limited liability (i.e., private limited) company and

¹ See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India, 70 FR 5147 (Feb. 1, 2005).