using a small number of subjects during focus groups, usability and cognitive testing. These projects are in-person and labor intensive, but typically only target samples of 20 to 30 respondents. Often the second stage is a larger scale field test with a split panel design of a survey or a release of a Census Bureau data dissemination product with a feedback mechanism. These stages often involve a lot of preparatory work and often are limited in the number of panels tested due to the cost considerations. They are often targeted at very large sample sizes with over 10,000 respondents per panel.

Cost efficiencies can occur by testing some research questions in a medium-scale test, using a smaller number of participants than what we typically use in a field test, yet a larger and more diverse set of participants than who we recruit for cognitive and usability tests. Using Internet nonprobability panel pretesting, we can answer some research questions more thoroughly than in the small-scale testing, but less expensively than in the large-scale test. This generic clearance seeks to establish a medium-scale (defined as having sample sizes from 100–2000 per study), cost-efficient method of testing questions and contact strategies over the internet through a nonprobability sample.

For example, email has been identified as a possible cost-effective notification strategy for online data collection. Email has not been used extensively as a notification mode for past censuses nor other government surveys. Prior to implementing an email strategy, the Census Bureau needs to determine the best email invitation in order to maximize click-through rates. The numerous email variations would be cost prohibitive in a large-scale test. Medium-scale testing of email variations is more efficient. This generic clearance will be used to answer some fundamental questions about how to optimize email (and possibly text message) contacts.

This research program will be used by the Census Bureau and survey sponsors to test alternative contact methods, including emails and text messages (via an opt-in strategy), improve online questionnaires and procedures, reduce respondent burden, and ultimately increase the quality of data collected in the Census Bureau censuses and surveys. The clearance will be used to conduct pretesting of decennial and demographic census and survey questionnaires as well as communications and/or marketing strategies and data dissemination tools for the Census Bureau prior to fielding them. The primary method of identifying measurement problems with the questionnaire or survey procedure is split panel tests. This will encompass both methodological and subject matter research questions that can be tested on a medium-scale nonprobability panel.

This research program will also be used by the Census Bureau for remote usability testing of electronic interfaces and to perform other qualitative analysis such as respondent debriefings. Advantages of using the remote, medium-scale testing is that participants can test products at their convenience using their own equipment, as opposed to using Census Bureau supplied computers. A diverse participant pool, whether that was geographically, demographically, or economically, is another advantage. Remote usability testing would use paradata, accuracy and satisfaction scores, and written qualitative comments to determine optimal interface designs and to obtain feedback from respondents.

For the initial phase of this study, the public will be offered an opportunity to participate in this research remotely, by signing up for an online research panel. If a person opts-in, the Census Bureau will occasionally email (or text, if applicable) the person an invitation to complete a survey for one of our research projects. Invited respondents will be told the topic of the survey, and how long it will take to complete it.

If the initial phase is successful, it will be followed by extended research, which will employ cold-contact emails to validate findings from the initial phase and expand the research.

II. Method of Collection

The Internet will be the primary method of data collection. Mail or phone prenotice and/or telephone follow-up may be used in some cases.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.
Form Number: Various.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals or Households.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.
Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 8,333.
Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondent, except for their time to complete the questionnaire.
Respondent’s 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 house 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 19, 2013.
Glenna Mickelson, Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[8–63–2013]

Foreign-Trade Zone 65—Panama City, Florida; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Panama City Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 65, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ 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 FTZ 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 docketed on June 18, 2013.

FTZ 65 was approved by the FTZ Board on January 16, 1981 (Board Order 171, 46 FR 8072, 1/26/81), and expanded on March 3, 1987 (Board Order 343, 52 FR 7634, 3/12/87), and on September 25, 2004 (Board Order 1646, 74 FR 53216, 10/16/09). The current zone includes the following sites: Site 1 (125 acres)—Port Panama City Industrial
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 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Camille Evans at Camille.Evans@trade.gov or (202) 482–2350.

Dated: June 18, 2013.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[B–62–2013]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 196—Fort Worth, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Flextronics International USA, Inc. (Mobile Phone Assembly and Kitting); Fort Worth, Texas

Flextronics International USA, Inc. (Flextronics) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Fort Worth, Texas. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on June 14, 2013. The Flextronics facility is located within Site 2 of FTZ 196. The facility is used for the assembly, kitting, programming, testing, packaging, warehousing and distribution of mobile phones. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Flextronics from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Flextronics would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to cell phones or mobile handsets (duty-free) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment. The components and materials sourced from abroad include: labels, battery adhesives, decals, Kevlar protective liners, mesh gaskets, holsters with swivels, leather carrying cases, leather pouches/cases, plastic carrying cases, wrist straps/cases, power supplies, nickel/cadmium batteries, lithium/ion batteries, other batteries, antenna assemblies, audio flex assemblies, bridge flex assemblies, interplex assembly chassis, back assembly covers, sidekey assemblies, phone camera assemblies, phone camera lens assemblies, phone camera lens housing assemblies, phone transceiver assemblies, printed circuit board assemblies, rear phone housing assemblies, phone side key brackets, volume buttons, grommets, phone rigidizer housings, plastic phone housings, microphones, power key buttons, protective liners, speaker earpieces, external speaker sets, headsets with microphones, hands-free speaker sets, mobile phones, housing assemblies, connectors, boards, flash flex assemblies and cables (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 8.6%).

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 August 5, 2013.

A copy of the notification 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 20230–0002, 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) 482–0473.

Dated: June 18, 2013.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security
Order Denying Export Privileges

In the Matter of: Gerardo Domingo Rodriguez-Rivera, Inmate Number #96977–279, FCI Beaumont Low, Federal Corrections Institution, P.O. Box 26020, Beaumont, TX 77720

On January 13, 2012, in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Gerardo Domingo Rodriguez-Rivera (“Rodriguez-Rivera”) was convicted of violating Section 38 of the