

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NAC advises the Census Bureau's Director on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities. The NAC provides expertise from the following disciplines: Economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, and behavioral and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy, and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census.

The NAC will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App., as amended, copies of this charter were furnished to the Library of Congress and to the following committees of Congress:

- Senate Committee on Appropriations;
- Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation;
- Senate Committee on Finance;
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs;
- House Committee on Appropriations; and,
- House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Dated: April 26, 2018.

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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.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0175.

*Form Number(s):* MQ-C2.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 7,500.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 2 hours and 5 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 62,500.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Census Bureau, on behalf of the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), within the Department of Defense (DOD), requests an extension of

approval for the Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization (QPC). The survey provides information on use of industrial capacity in manufacturing and publishing plants as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The survey is the only governmental source of capacity utilization rates at industry levels. Changes in capacity utilization are considered important indicators of investment demand and inflationary pressure. For these reasons, the estimates of capacity utilization are closely monitored by government policy makers and private sector decision makers.

The survey collects the value of quarterly production, the value of production that could be achieved if operating under "full production" capability, and the value of production that could be achieved if operating under "emergency production" capability. The ratio of the actual to the full is the basis of the estimates for full capacity utilization rates and similarly, the actual to the emergency for the emergency capacity utilization rates. 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. FRB publishes measures of industrial production (IP), capacity, and capacity utilization in its G.17 statistical release, which has been designated by the federal government as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator. Utilization rates from the QPC survey are a principle source for the measures of capacity and capacity utilization. The indexes of IP 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 data, including the utilization rate data and the workweek of capital, is critical to the indicators of capital input use and industry output.

The FRB uses these data in several ways. First, the QPC data are the primary source of information for the capacity indexes and utilization rates

published by the FRB. Second, the QPC utilization rate data are used as indicators of output for some industries in the estimation of monthly IP. Third, the QPC utilization rate data and the workweek data are 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 the 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 DLA uses the data to assess industrial base readiness and ramp-up time to meet demand for goods under selected national emergency scenarios.

In addition to the FRB and DLA uses, these data are published on the Census Bureau's website, <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/qpc.html>.

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

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Section 8(b) (Census authority); 50 U.S.C., Section 98, *et seq.* (FRB authority); and 12 U.S.C., Section 244 (DOD authority).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202)395-5806.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census Scientific Advisory Committee Charter Renewal

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) hereby gives notice that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce has

determined that the charter renewal of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (CSAC) is necessary and in the public interest. The renewed charter can be found on the Census Advisory Committee website at the following URL link: <https://www2.census.gov/cac/sac/sac-charter.pdf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Dunlop Jackson, Chief, Advisory Committee Branch, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 8H177, Washington, DC 20233, 301-763-5222, [tara.dunlop.jackson@census.gov](mailto:tara.dunlop.jackson@census.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CSAC advises the Census Bureau's Director on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities. The CSAC provides scientific and technical expertise from the following disciplines: Demography, economics, geography, psychology, statistics, survey methodology, social and behavioral sciences, information technology and computing, marketing, and other fields of expertise, as appropriate, to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives.

The CSAC will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App., as amended, copies of this charter were furnished to the Library of Congress and to the following committees of Congress:

- Senate Committee on Appropriations;
- Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation;
- Senate Committee on Finance;
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs;
- House Committee on Appropriations; and,
- House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Dated: April 26, 2018.

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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:* National Minority Business Awards Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0640-0025.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular Submission.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours.

*Burden Hours:* The estimate is an annual average of 200 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The collection of information is necessary MBDA is soliciting public comments to permit the agency to receive nominations from the public for the following awards to minority businesses: Minority Construction Firm of the Year, Minority Export Firm of the Year, Minority Manufacturing Firm of the Year, Minority Health Products and Services Firm of the Year, Minority Innovative Technology Firm of the Year, Minority Marketing and Communications Firm of the Year, Minority Professional Services Firm of the Year, Minority Veteran-Owned Firm of the Year, Minority "Under 30" Firm of the Year and MBDA Minority Business Enterprise of the Year award. In addition, MBDA may recognize trailblazers and champions through the Access to Capital Award, Advocate of the Year Award, Distinguished Supplier Diversity Award, Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award, and Abe Venable Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement.

MBDA must collect two kinds of information to make award nominations: (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 criteria. Participation in the MED Week

Awards program is voluntary and the awards are strictly honorary.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses and other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and federal, state, local, or tribal governments.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202)395-5806.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE [04/04/2018 through 04/15/2018]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Horizontal Machining and Manufacturing, Inc.	640 Arizona Avenue NW, Huron, SD 57350.	4/4/2018	The firm manufactures large-scale weldments, including mountings for industrial machinery.