

Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension and revision of the currently approved information collection for Tobacco Report (OMB No. 0581-0004).

**DATES:** Comments received by January 6, 2020 will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to the addresses specified below. All comments will be made available to the public. Please do not include personally identifiable information (such as name, address, or other contact information) or confidential business information that you do not want publically disclosed. All comments may be posted on the internet and can be retrieved by most internet search engines. Comments may be submitted anonymously.

Comments, identified by AMS-CN-19-0086, may be submitted electronically through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments. In addition, comments may be submitted by *mail or hand delivery* to Cotton Research and Promotion, Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406. Comments should be submitted in triplicate. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406. A copy of this document may be found at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shethir M. Riva, Director, Research and Promotion, Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22406, telephone (540) 361-2726, facsimile (540) 361-1199, or email at [Shethir.Riva@usda.gov](mailto:Shethir.Riva@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Tobacco Report.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0004.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 2020.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Tobacco Statistics Act of 1929 (7 U.S.C. 501-508) provides for the collection and publication of tobacco statistics by USDA with regard to quantities of leaf tobacco in all forms in the United States and Puerto Rico, owned by or in the possession of dealers, manufacturers, and others, with the exception of the original growers of the tobacco.

Inventory information about different tobacco products is reported on a quarterly basis, as of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year, and is due within 15 days of those dates.

The information furnished under the provisions of this Act is used only for the statistical purposes for which it is supplied. No publication shall be made by USDA whereby the data furnished by any particular establishment can be identified, nor shall anyone other than the sworn employees of USDA be allowed to examine the individual reports.

The regulations governing the Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act (7 CFR part 30) issued under the Tobacco Statistics Act (7 U.S.C. 501-508) specifically address the reporting requirements. Tobacco in leaf form or stems is reported by types of tobacco and whether it is stemmed or unstemmed. Tobacco in sheet form is segregated as to whether it is to be used for cigar wrappers, cigar binders, for cigarettes, or for other products.

Tobacco stocks reporting is mandatory. The basic purpose of the information collection is to ascertain the total supply of unmanufactured tobacco available to domestic manufacturers and to calculate the amount consumed in manufactured tobacco products.

The Quarterly Report of Manufacture and Sales of Snuff, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco is voluntary. Information on the manufacture and sale of snuff, smoking and chewing tobacco products is available from Treasury Department publications based on the collection of taxes, but not in the detail desired by the industry. All major tobacco manufacturers agreed to furnish information to AMS for this report.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) directs and authorizes USDA to collect, tabulate and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products including market supplies, storage stocks, quantity, quality, condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, utilization of sub-products, shipments, and unloads.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.88 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Primarily tobacco dealers and manufacturers, including small businesses or organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 47.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 188.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 4.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 166.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Shethir M. Riva, Director, Research and Promotion, Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406, telephone (540) 361-2726, facsimile (540) 361-1199, or email at [Shethir.Riva@usda.gov](mailto:Shethir.Riva@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 1, 2019.

**Bruce Summers,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

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#### American Workforce Policy Advisory Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs announces the fourth meeting of the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board (Advisory Board). Discussions of the Advisory Board will include its progress toward achieving the goals set at its inaugural meeting on March 6, 2019, as well as other Advisory Board matters. The meeting will take place in Indianapolis, IN on December 5, 2019.

**DATES:** The Advisory Board will meet on December 5, 2019; the meeting will

begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Indiana Women’s Prison, 2596 N Girls School Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46214. The meeting is open to the public via audio conference technology. Audio instructions will be prominently posted on the Advisory Board homepage at: <https://www.commerce.gov/americanworker/american-workforce-policy-advisory-board>. Please note: The Advisory Board website will maintain the most current information on the meeting agenda, schedule, and location. These items may be updated without further notice in the **Federal Register**.

The public may also submit statements or questions via the Advisory Board email address, *AmericanWorkforcePolicyAdvisoryBoard@doc.gov* (please use the subject line “December 2019 Advisory Board Meeting Public Comment”), or by letter to Sabrina Montes, c/o Office of Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. If you wish the Advisory Board to consider your statement or question during the meeting, we must receive your written statement or question no later than 5 p.m. (EST) four business days prior to the meeting. We will provide all statements or questions received after the deadline to the members; however, they may not consider them during the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sabrina Montes, c/o Office of Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (301) 278–9268, or [sabrina.montes@bea.gov](mailto:sabrina.montes@bea.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Commerce and the Advisor to the President overseeing the Office of

Economic Initiatives serve as the co-chairs of the Advisory Board. In addition to the co-chairs, the Advisory Board comprises 25 members that represent various sectors of the economy. The Board advises the National Council for the American Worker.

The December meeting will include updates on implementation of recommendations from the September meeting and discussions of new recommendations under each of the four main goals of the Advisory Board:

- *Develop a Campaign to Promote Multiple Pathways to Career Success.* Companies, workers, parents, and policymakers have traditionally assumed that a university degree is the best, or only, path to a middle-class career. Employers and job seekers should be aware of multiple career pathways and skill development opportunities outside of traditional 4-year degrees.

- *Increase Data Transparency to Better Match American Workers with American Jobs.* High-quality, transparent, and timely data can significantly improve the ability of employers, students, job seekers, education providers, and policymakers to make informed choices about education and employment—especially for matching education and training programs to in-demand jobs and the skills needed to fill them.

- *Modernize Candidate Recruitment and Training Practices.* Employers often struggle to fill job vacancies, yet their hiring practices may actually reduce the pool of qualified job applicants. To acquire a talented workforce, employers must better identify the skills needed for specific jobs and communicate those needs to education providers, job seekers, and students.

- *Measure and Encourage Employer-led Training Investments.* The size,

scope, and impacts of education and skills training investments are still not fully understood. There is a lack of consistent data on company balance sheets and in federal statistics. Business and policy makers need to know how much is spent on training, the types of workers receiving training, and the long-term value of the money and time spent in classroom and on-the-job training.

**Sabrina L. Montes,**  
*Designated Federal Official, American Workforce Policy Advisory Board, Bureau of Economic Analysis.*

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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**

10/17/2019 through 10/28/2019

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Pacific Wire Group, Inc .....	2201 R Street NW, Auburn, WA 98001.	10/25/2019	The firm manufactures wire products, primarily of steel wire.
Hillside Custom Machining, Welding & Fabrication, LLC.	130 Morgan Way, Morgantown, PA 19543.	10/28/2019	The firm manufactures machinery that produces cartons for packaging goods. The firm also manufactures metal parts.
SI Systems, LLC .....	101 Larry Holmes Drive, Easton, PA 18042.	10/28/2019	The firm manufacturers equipment for handling and conveying goods and materials.