to submit an electronic application, follow the instructions for the RISE funding announcement located at https://www.grants.gov. You may also contact National Office Program Management Division: RISE Program Lead, cpgrants@usda.gov or call the main line at 202–720–1400.

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Mark Brodzinski,
Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE–15, Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Ricardo Limes, Chief, Multinational Operations Branch (BE–69), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email to Ricardo.limes@bea.gov and PRAcomments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0608–0034 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Ricardo Limes, Chief, Multinational Operations Branch (BE–69), Bureau of Economic Analysis; via phone at (301) 275–0659; or via email at Ricardo.Limes@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States (BE–15) obtains sample data on the financial structure and operations of foreign-owned U.S. business enterprises. The data are needed to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of foreign direct investment in the United States to assess its impact on the U.S. economy. The sample data are used to derive estimates are developed from the BE–15 benchmark survey, which is conducted every five years. The data collected include balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; employment and employee compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development activity for the U.S. operations. In addition to these national data, several data items are collected by state, including employment and property, plant, and equipment.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is not proposing any changes to the BE–15 survey.

II. Method of Collection

BEA contacts potential respondents by mail in March of each year; responses covering a reporting company’s fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year are due by May 31 (or by June 30 for respondents that file using BEA’s eFile system). Reports are required from each U.S. business enterprise in which a foreign person has at least 10 percent of the voting stock in an incorporated business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated business enterprise, and that meets the additional conditions detailed in the BE–15 forms and instructions. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

BEA offers electronic filing through its eFile system for use in reporting on the BE–15 annual survey forms. In addition, BEA posts all its survey forms and reporting instructions on its website (www.bea.gov/fdi). These may be downloaded, completed, printed, and submitted via fax or mail.

Potential respondents of the BE–15 are selected from those U.S. business enterprises that were required to report on the 2017 BE–12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, along with those U.S. business enterprises that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The BE–15 is a sample survey; universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608–0034.

Form Number: BE–15.

Type of Review: Regular submission, reinstatement without change.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,600 annually, of which approximately 3,300 file A forms, 1,600 file B forms, 1,200 file C forms, and 500 file Claim for Exemption forms.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE–11, Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Ricardo Limes, Chief, Multinational Operations Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email to Ricardo.limes@bea.gov and PRAcomments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0608–0053 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Ricardo Limes, Chief, Multinational Operations Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; via phone at (301) 278–9659; or via email at Ricardo.Limes@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad (BE–11) obtains sample data on the financial structure and operations of U.S. parents and their foreign affiliates. The data are needed to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of U.S. direct investment abroad to assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in non-benchmark years from similar data reported in the BE–10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is conducted every five years. The data collected include balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; employment and employee compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development activity.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is not proposing any changes to the BE–11 survey.

II. Method of Collection

BEA contacts potential respondents by mail in March of each year; responses covering a reporting company’s fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year are due by May 31. Reports are required from each U.S. person that has a direct and/or indirect ownership interest of at least 10 percent of the voting stock in an incorporated foreign business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated foreign business enterprise, and that meets the additional conditions detailed in the BE–11 forms and instructions.

Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

BEA offers electronic filing through its eFile system for use in reporting on the BE–11 annual survey forms. In addition, BEA posts all its survey forms and reporting instructions on its website (www.bea.gov/dia). These may be downloaded, completed, printed, and submitted via fax or mail.

Potential respondents of the BE–11 are selected from those U.S. parents that reported owning foreign business enterprises in the 2019 BE–10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, along with entities that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The BE–11 is a sample survey; universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608–0053.

Form Number: BE–11.

Type of Review: Regular submission, reinstatement without change.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,500 respondents (U.S. parents). A complete response includes a BE–11 A form for the U.S. parent’s domestic operation and one or more BE–11 B, C, or D forms for its foreign affiliates that meet the BE–11 survey requirements.

BEA estimates that U.S. parents will submit 3,500 A forms, 24,000 B forms,