

Frequency of response: Annual.
Estimated Annual Burden: 58 hours.
Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: July 25, 2006.

Anna M. Johnson,

Director, Office of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program Vessel/Plant Operator Comment Form.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 500.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Average Hours Per Response: Comment form, 30 minutes; non-response follow-up form, 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Comment Form will help the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program (NPGOP) assess observer performance, ensure higher data quality, and provide the vessel/plant operators with a direct line of communication to the program management. Improved communication and outreach is a priority for the NPGOP. It is important to get the fishermen's opinions about the program and have a method for them to report their concerns and evaluations of the program. This is a tailored qualitative survey for Vessel/Plant Operators who have had observers on their vessels to provide direct feedback on observer and observer program performance to the National Marine Fisheries Service. This will be collected on a voluntary basis. The Vessel/Plant Operator Comment Form is available to all operators who have had a certified North Pacific Groundfish observer onboard their vessel or plant. Vessel operators or plant operators are the only ones who may complete the survey.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Commercial Encryption Items Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce.

Agency Form Number: N/A.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0104.

Type of Request: Renewal of an existing collection.

Burden: 4507 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 5 minutes to 7 hours per response.

Number of Respondents: 635 respondents.

Needs and Uses: This collection is authorized by section 5(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (EAA) and section 203(a)(2) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), and authorized under Section 15(b) of the EAA and Section 203(a)(1) of the IEEPA. The Export Administration Act authorizes the President to control exports of U.S. goods and technology to all foreign destinations, as necessary for the purposes of national security, foreign policy and short supply. The International Emergency Economic Powers Act authorizes the President to take actions to deal with any unusual and extraordinary threat, which has its source in whole or substantial part

outside of the United States, to the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States. This policy has since been implemented and updated in the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). As described in these regulations, the U.S. encryption export control policy rests on three principles: Review of encryption products prior to sale, streamlined post-export reporting, and license review of certain exports of strong encryption to foreign government end-users. Consistent with these principles, national security requires that information be collected from the public as described both in this collection and in collection 0694-0088. The regulations developed by the Bureau of Industry and Security in consultation with other Federal agencies, implements the U.S. encryption export policy last revised in regulations published on December 9, 2004. This notice updates and revises the paperwork burden on the public imposed by these regulations.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, DOC Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, e-mail address, David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov, or fax number, (202) 395-7285.

Dated: July 20, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey.

Form Number(s): SM-44(06)A, SM-44(06)AE, SM-44(06)AS, SM-72(06)A, SM-44(00)FA, SM-44(00)FAE, SM-44(00)FAS, SM-72(00)FA.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0104.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 4,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Avg Hours per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey was developed in response to requests by government, business, and other users to provide an early indication of current retail trade activity at the United States level. MARTS also provides monthly sales of food service establishments and drinking places. Policymakers, such as the Federal Reserve Board, need to have the most timely estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. Data on sales from this survey provide the earliest possible look at consumer spending and are necessary for the calculation of the personal consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Without the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, the Census Bureau's earliest measure of retail sales is the "preliminary" estimate from the full monthly sample, released about 40 days after the reference period.

The Census Bureau tabulates the collected data to provide, with measured reliability, statistics on United States retail sales. These sales estimates, developed from the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, are used by the Council of Economic Advisers, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Federal Reserve Board, and other government agencies, as well as business users in formulating economic decisions. These estimates have a high priority because of their timeliness. There would be approximately a one month delay in the availability of these data if this survey were not conducted.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: July 25, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 060607156-6203-02]

Solicitation of Applications for the National Technical Assistance Program

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is soliciting applications for FY 2006 National Technical Assistance Program funding. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Through its National Technical Assistance Program, EDA works towards fulfilling its mission by funding research and technical assistance projects to promote competitiveness and innovation in urban and rural regions throughout the United States and its territories. By working in conjunction with its research partners, EDA will help States, local governments, and community-based organizations to achieve their highest economic potential.

DATES: Applications (on Form ED-900A, Application for Investment Assistance) for funding under this notice must be received by the EDA representative listed below under "Addresses" no later than August 30, 2006 at 5 p.m. EDT. Applications received after 5 p.m. EDT on August 30, 2006 will not be considered for funding. By September 29, 2006, EDA expects to notify the applicants selected for investment assistance. The selected applicants should expect to receive funding for their projects within thirty (30) days of EDA's notification of selection.

ADDRESSES: Applications submitted pursuant to this notice may be:

1. E-mailed to William P. Kittredge at wkittredge@eda.doc.gov; or

2. Hand-delivered to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, Room 7009, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; or

3. Mailed to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, Room 7009, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications by e-mail. Applicants are advised that, due to mail security measures, EDA's receipt of mail sent via the United States Postal Service may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery. EDA will not accept applications submitted by facsimile.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please contact William P. Kittredge at (202) 482-5442 or via e-mail at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: The Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this competitive solicitation is available at www.grants.gov and at EDA's Internet website at www.eda.gov. Paper copies of the Form ED-900A, "Application for Investment Assistance" (OMB Control No. 0610-0094), and additional information on EDA and its National Technical Assistance Program may be obtained from EDA's Internet website at www.eda.gov.

Funding Availability: Funds appropriated under the Science, State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-108, 119 Stat. 2290 (2005)) are available for making awards under the National Technical Assistance Program authorized by section 207 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3147), as amended (PWEDA), and 13 CFR part 306, subpart A. Approximately \$500,000 is available, and shall remain available until expended, for funding awards pursuant to this competitive solicitation. This is the third FFO announcement published under this program during FY 2006. The first announcement under National Technical Assistance was published on June 16, 2006 and the second announcement under Research and Evaluation was published on July 18, 2006.

Statutory Authority: The authority for the National Technical Assistance Program is section 207 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3147). You may access EDA's currently effective regulations (codified