

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.63.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 120 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, (202) 720-9734.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the Agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 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 Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0743. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 29, 1996.
Maureen Kennedy,
Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: September 4, 1996.
John Romano,
Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Dated: September 17, 1996.
Dayton Watkins,
Administrator Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Dated: September 19, 1996.
Grant Buntrock,
Administrator, Farm Service Agency.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Annual Capital Expenditures Survey

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing

effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles Funk, Bureau of the Census, Room 300-20 Iverson Mall, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 763-2542.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans the continuing information collection for the 1996 and 1997 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES) measuring capital investment in new and used structures and equipment. The ACES is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on actual business spending by domestic, private, nonfarm businesses operating in the United States. Major changes from the 1995 collection of ACES data are the annual collection of data from businesses with one to four employees and nonemployers, and a request from employer businesses for data on total company sales and receipts, and sales and receipts for the three ACES industries with the largest sales and receipts.

Actual business spending will be collected from employer and nonemployer businesses. Business spending data are used to evaluate the quality of estimates of gross domestic product, develop monetary policy, analyze business asset depreciation, and improve estimates of capital stock for productivity analysis. Industry analysts use these data for market analysis, economic forecasting, identifying business opportunities, product development, and business planning.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial

mailing. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time. Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) and Touchtone Data Entry (TDE) will be used on a limited basis with small and middle sized businesses in data collection activities.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0782.

Form Number: ACE-1 (Sent to employer companies reporting payroll to the Internal Revenue Service) and ACE-2 (Sent to nonemployer businesses).

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, small businesses or organizations, and self-employed individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 46,000 (34,000 employer companies, and 12,000 nonemployer businesses).

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is 2.5 hours. For companies completing form ACE-1, the range is 2 to 16 hours, averaging 3 hours. For companies completing form ACE-2, the range is less than 1 hour to 2 hours, averaging 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total annual burden for fiscal year 1997, and 1998 is 114,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3,450,000.

Respondents' Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

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 hours 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: September 26, 1996.
Linda Engelmeier,
*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance
Officer, Office of Management and
Organization.*
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Business and Professional Classification Report

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information
Collection Activity; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of
Commerce, as part of its continuing
effort to reduce paperwork and
respondent burden, invites the general
public and other Federal agencies to
take this opportunity to comment on
proposed or continuing information
collections, as required by the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,
Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506
(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before December 2,
1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Linda Engelmeier, Acting
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer,
Department of Commerce, Room 5327,
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the information collection
instrument(s) and instruction(s) should
be directed to Carl A. Konschnik,
Bureau of the Census, Room 2651-FOB
3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301)
457-2675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Bureau of the Census uses Form
B-625, "Business and Professional
Classification Report," to collect
information needed to keep the retail,
wholesale, and service samples current
with the business universe. Because of
rapid changes in the marketplace caused
by the emergence of new businesses, the
death of others, transfer of ownership,

mergers, and so forth, four times a year
the Bureau of the Census canvasses a
different sample of new Employer
Identification Numbers (EINs) obtained
from the Internal Revenue Service and
the Social Security Administration. The
completed Form B-625, "Business and
Professional Classification Report,"
provides us with sales, receipts or
revenue, company organization, new or
refined Standard Industrial
Classification (SIC), and other key
information needed for sampling to
maintain proper coverage of the
universe. Based on the collected
information, EINs meeting the criteria
for inclusion in the Bureau's retail,
wholesale or service surveys are
subjected to a second sampling. The
retail and wholesale EINs selected in
this second sampling are placed on a
panel to report in our surveys on a
monthly basis. The selected service
cases are also placed on a panel but
report only annually. We are
considering revisions to Form B-625 to
reflect changing survey conditions. For
example, we may drop the request for a
list of individual business locations
associated with the EIN. We may also
make revisions to enable classification
coding under the new North American
Industry Classification System.

II. Method of Collection

We collect this information by mail,
FAX, and by phone for mail
nonresponse.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0189.

Form Number: B-625.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other
for-profit organizations, not-for-profit
institutions, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
42,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 13
minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours:
9,101 hours.

Estimated Total Cost: The total cost in
fiscal year 1996 for the Business and
Professional Classification Report is

\$785,000, all funded by the Bureau of
Census.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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

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 burden (including
hours 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 the use of
automated collection techniques or
other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to
this notice will be summarized and
included in the request for OMB
approval of this information collection;
they also will become a matter of public
record.

Dated: September 25, 1996.
Linda Engelmeier,
*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance
Officer, Office of Management and
Organization.*
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Economic Development Administration

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

AGENCY: Economic Development
Administration (EDA).

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to
comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing
on the dates indicated from the firms
listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 08/20/96-09/24/96

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Premier Sportswear, Inc	126 Shove Street, Fall River, MA 02724.	08/27/96	Women's pants and skirts of wool, wool blends, cotton and other synthetic material.
New Jersey Machine, Inc	56 Etna Road, Lebanon, NH 03766.	08/28/96	Precision labeling equipment.
Quality Dinettes, Inc	P.O. Box 197, Bethel Road, Arley, AL 35541.	08/29/96	Chairs, dining tables, china hutches of wood and wood prod- ucts for dining and kitchen use.
Gilbert Mfg. Corp	Route 26, Box 165, Locke Mills, ME 04255.	09/06/96	Wooden kitchenware and cutlery, wood turnings and cut wood—hard and soft of white birch and ash, maple.