DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Michael McMahon, U.S. Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3375, Washington, DC 20233–0001, (301) 457–3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD) is a household-based survey designed as a data collection vehicle that can provide the basis for an overall evaluation of how well welfare reforms are achieving the aims of the Administration and the Congress and meeting the needs of the American people.

The SPD is a large, longitudinal, nationally-representative study that measures participation in welfare programs, including both programs that are being reformed and those that remain unchanged. The SPD measures other important social, economic, demographic, and family changes that will allow analysis of the effectiveness of the welfare reforms.

With the August 22, 1996, signing of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub L. 104–193), the Census Bureau is required to conduct the SPD, using as the sample the households from the 1992 and 1993 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The information obtained will be used to evaluate the impact of this law on a sample of previous welfare recipients and future recipients of assistance under new state programs funded under this law as well as assess the impact on other low-income families. Issues of particular attention include welfare dependency, the length of welfare spells, the causes of repeat welfare spells, educational enrollment and work training, health care utilization, out-of-wedlock births, and the status of children.

The 2000 SPD is the third year of data collection using the same core questions. A one-time topical module will collect the residential histories of children. The previous wave, conducted in the spring of 1999, collected core data plus extended measures of child well-being. The 1998 SPD included an adolescent self-administered questionnaire. A bridge survey using the Current Population Survey March questionnaire was conducted in the spring of 1997 to provide a link to baseline data for the period prior to the implementation of the welfare reform activities.

II. Method of Collection

The SPD is a longitudinal study of welfare-related activities with the sample respondents originally selected from 1992 and 1993 SIPP panels. Interviews were conducted in 1997, 1998, and 1999. Subsequent data collections are scheduled for 2000 to 2002. Data are collected using a computer-assisted interviewing (CAI) instrument from a nationally representative sample of the noninstitutionalized resident population living in the U.S. for all persons, families, and households. Persons who are at least 15 years of age at the time of the interview will be eligible to be in the survey.

A small sample of households is scheduled for reinterview. The reinterview process assures that all households were properly contacted and that the data are valid.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0838.

Form Number: CAI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Household Respondents: 42,000.

Estimated Number of Reinterview Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 36 minutes per respondent, 10 minutes per reinterview.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,150.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: No costs to the respondents other than their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, section 182, and Pub. L. 104–193, Section 414 (signed 8/22/96), Title 42, United States Code, Section 614.

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 are summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 13, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Annual Capital Expenditures Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; 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, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles Funk, Census Bureau, Room 1285–3, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 457–3324.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans the continuing information collection for the 1999 through 2001 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES). The basic annual survey collects data on fixed assets and depreciation, sales and receipts, and capital expenditures for 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. Employer and nonemployer businesses are included in the survey.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the primary Federal user of our annual program statistics, uses the information in refining and evaluating annual estimates of investment in structures and equipment in the national income and product accounts, compiling annual input-output tables, and computing gross domestic product (GDP) by industry. The Federal Reserve Board (FRB) uses the data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) uses the data to improve estimates of capital stocks for productivity analysis.

Industry analysts use these data for market analysis, economic forecasting, identifying business opportunities, product development, and business planning.

Changes from the previous ACES are the elimination of detailed capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment, the incorporation of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) into the ACES, and a supplemental questionnaire requesting information on electronic business (E-business) processes used by businesses.

Detailed capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment data were collected last year in the 1998 ACES. These data, collected together once every five years, are not scheduled to be requested again until the 2003 ACES.

Previous year's estimates of capital expenditures were published on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) basis. Beginning with the 1999 ACES, we will publish data on the NAICS. Due to the major restructuring of industries that occurred under the NAICS, we will collect and publish data for approximately 132 industries. This is an increase from 97 industries under the SIC system.

We are planning a supplemental questionnaire requesting information on E-business processes used by businesses. Although questions are not yet finalized, we anticipate collecting check-box information on whether businesses use or plan to use E-business processes for activities such as procurement, production control, automated stock replenishment, marketing, electronic selling, payment processing, customer management and support, automated employee services, training, information sharing, video conferencing, and recruiting.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Respondent companies are permitted to respond via facsimile machine to our toll-free number. 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.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0782.

Form Number: ACE–1 (Sent to employer companies reporting payroll to the Internal Revenue Service), ACE–2 (Sent to nonemployer businesses), and ACE–B (Sent to employer and nonemployer businesses for E-business information).

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: There are 57,000 (42,000 employer companies, and 15,000 nonemployer businesses) under NAICS for the basic annual survey. The increase of 11,000 respondents is due to the expansion of industries under the NAICS. All 57,000 businesses will receive the E-business supplement.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is 1.234 hours. For companies completing form ACE–1, the range is 2 to 16 hours, averaging 2.857 hours. For companies completing form ACE–2, the range is less than 1 hour to 2 hours, averaging 1 hour. For companies completing the ACE–B, the range is estimated at less than five minutes to ten minutes, averaging six minutes (.10 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total annual burden is 140,700 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The total cost to all respondents is estimated to be $1,968,393 based on the hourly salary of $13.99 for entry level accountants and auditors. (Occupational Employment Statistics—Bureau of Labor Statistics 1997 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for Professional, Paraprofessional, and Technical Occupations). http://stats.bls.gov/oes/national/oes__prof.htm

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: August 13, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 40–99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 8—Toledo, Ohio Area Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 8, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Toledo, Ohio area, within the Toledo/Sandusky Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on August 5, 1999.

FTZ 8 was approved on October 11, 1960 (Board Order 51, 25 FR 9909, 10/15/60) and expanded on January 22, 1973 (Board Order 92, 38 FR 3015, 1/31/73); January 11, 1985 (Board Order 277, 50 FR 2702,1/18/85); and, August 19, 1991 (Board Order 532, 56 FR 42026, 8/26/91). The general-purpose zone currently consists of 2 sites (487 acres) in the Toledo area: *Site 1* (150 acres)—within the Port of Toledo complex at the Overseas Cargo Center, Toledo; and, *Site 2* (337 acres)—at the Toledo Express