

durations of 3 to 4 years. The 2004 Panel is scheduled for four years and will include twelve waves of interviewing. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed a total of twelve times (twelve waves), at 4-month intervals, making the SIPP a longitudinal survey.

The survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules." The topical modules for the 2004 Panel Wave 3 are Medical Expenses and Utilization of Health Care (Adults and Children), Work-Related Expenses and Child Support Paid, Assets, Liabilities, Eligibility, and Child Well-Being. These topical modules were previously conducted in the SIPP 2001 Panel Wave 9 instrument with the exception of Child Well-Being which was previously conducted in the SIPP 2001 Wave 7 instrument. Wave 3 interviews will be conducted from October 2004 through January 2005.

Data provided by the SIPP are being used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare or transfer payment programs, such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time. Monetary incentives to encourage non-respondents to participate is planned for all waves of the 2004 SIPP Panel.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

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: June 18, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Generic Clearance for Customer Satisfaction Research

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joanne Dickinson, U.S. Census Bureau, 3021-3, Washington, DC 20233-0800, (301) 763-4094.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the generic clearance to

conduct customer satisfaction research which may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups, or telephone or personal interviews.

The Census Bureau has ranked a customer focused environment as one of its most important strategic planning objectives. The Census Bureau routinely needs to collect and analyze customer feedback about its products and services to better align them to its customers needs and preferences. Several programs, products, and distribution channels have been designed/ redesigned based on feedback from its various customer satisfaction research efforts.

Each research design is reviewed for content, utility, and user-friendliness by a variety of appropriate staff (including research design and subject-matter specialists). The concept and design are tested by internal staff and a select sample of respondents to confirm its appropriateness, user-friendliness, and to estimate burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information. Collection techniques are discussed and included in the research concept design discussions to define the most time-, cost-efficient and accurate collection media.

The clearance operates in the following manner: a block of hours is reserved at the beginning of each year, and the particular activities that will be conducted under the clearance are not specified in advance. The Census Bureau provides information to OMB about the specific activities on a flow basis throughout the year. OMB is notified of each activity in a letter that gives specific details about the activity, rather than by means of individual clearance packages. At the end of each year, a report is submitted to OMB that summarizes the number of hours used as well as the nature and results of the activities completed under the clearance.

Some modifications of the clearance from previous years are planned. The number of hours will remain the same at 4,000 hours. In addition, incentives as a survey procedure may also be the subject of research under the clearance.

II. Method of Collection

This research may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups, or telephone or personal interviews.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0760.

Form Number: Various.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, State or local governments, farms, businesses or other for-profit organizations, Federal agencies or employees, non-profit institutions, small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents, except for their time to answer the questions posted.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Executive Order 12862.

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: June 18, 2004.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 26-2004]

Foreign-Trade Zone 104—Savannah, GA, Application for Subzone, Tumi, Inc., (Distribution of Luggage), Vidalia, GA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Savannah Airport Commission, grantee of FTZ 104, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the warehousing and distribution facility of Tumi, Inc. (Tumi), located in Vidalia, Georgia. 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 June 16, 2004.

The Tumi facility (48 acres, 160 employees) is located at 2501 Matthews Industrial Circle, Vidalia, Toombs County. The facility is used for the storage and distribution of imported luggage, accessories and gifts (including handbags, wallets, bottle openers, ear muffs, handles/straps, belts, luggage tags, umbrellas, planners, mugs, key chains, pocket knives, flashlights, clock radios, watch bands, golf club covers and yoga mats).

Zone procedures would exempt Tumi from Customs duty payments on products that are re-exported. Some 10-15 percent of the products are re-exported. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant and entered for consumption. FTZ designation would further allow Tumi to utilize certain Customs procedures resulting in increased efficiencies for its logistics and distribution operations. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the following addresses:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is August 23, 2004. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 7, 2004).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the first address listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center,

6001 Chatham Center Drive, Suite 100, Savannah, GA 31405.

Dated: June 16, 2004.

Pierre V. Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 040609175-4175-01]

Establishment of a Laboratory Accreditation Program for Voting Systems Under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Procedures, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that it is establishing an accreditation program for laboratories that perform testing of voting systems, including hardware and software components. This program will provide for the accreditation of laboratories that test voting systems using standards determined by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Laboratories interested in seeking accreditation that will allow them to be considered for EAC recognition should contact NVLAP immediately.

ADDRESSES: National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, 100 Bureau Drive/MS 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Horlick, Program Manager, NVLAP, 100 Bureau Drive / MS 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140, phone (301) 975-4016 or e-mail nvlap.voting@nist.gov. Information regarding NVLAP and the accreditation process can also be viewed at www.nist.gov/nvlap.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-252) was signed into law by President Bush on October 29, 2002. Section 231 of the HAVA requires the Director of NIST to provide for the accreditation of laboratories that conduct testing on the hardware and software of voting systems. In response to the HAVA, the National Voluntary