

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration written comments must be submitted on or before September 7, 2007.

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 Valerie Strang, U.S. Census Bureau, HQ–6K171, Washington, DC 20233–6400; (301) 763–3317.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2007 through 2009 Information and Communication Technology Survey (ICTS). The annual survey collects data on two categories of non-capitalized expenses (purchases; and operating leases and rental payments) for four types of information and communication technology equipment and software (computers and peripheral equipment; ICT equipment, excluding computers and peripherals; electromedical and electrotherapeutic apparatus; and computer software, including payroll associated with software development). The survey also collects capital expenditures data on the four types of ICT equipment and software cited above. Only non-farm, non-governmental companies, organizations, and associations operating in the United States are included in this survey.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Federal Reserve Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics and industry analysts use these data to evaluate productivity and economic growth prospects. In addition, the ICTS provides improved source data significant to BEA's estimate of the investment component of Gross Domestic Product, capital stock estimates, and capital flow tables.

The only change from the previous ICTS is the incorporation of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) into the 2009 ICTS. Through the 2008 ICTS, data will be collected based on the 2002 NAICS. Beginning with the 2009 ICTS, we will collect and publish data based on the 2007 NAICS. Industries will comprise 3-digit and selected 4-digit 2007 NAICS codes.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will primarily 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. They can respond via a secure facsimile machine by using our toll-free number. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

Beginning with the 2006 ICTS, we introduced an encrypted Internet Data Collection System (Census Taker) for optional use as a substitute for the paper form mailed to all companies. Census Taker is an electronic version of the paper data collection instrument. It provides improved quality with automatic data checks and is context-sensitive to assist the data provider in identifying potential reporting problems before submission, thus reducing the need for follow-up. Census Taker is completed via the Internet eliminating the need for downloading software and increasing the integrity and confidentiality of these data.

Employer companies will be mailed one of three forms based on their diversity of operations and number of industries with payroll. Companies operating in only one industry will receive an ICT–1(S) form. Companies operating in more than one, but less than nine industries will receive an ICT–1(M) form. And, companies that operate in nine or more industries will receive an ICT–1(L) form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0909.

Form Numbers: ICT–1 (S), ICT–1 (M), ICT–1 (L).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 46,000.

Estimated Time per Response: The average for all respondents is 1.74 hours with the range from less than 1 hour to 21 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 80,040.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2 million.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Section 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: July 3, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Annual Capital Expenditures Survey

ACTION: Notice.

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)).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2007 through 2009 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES). The annual survey collects data on fixed assets and depreciation, sales and receipts, capitalized computer software, and capital expenditures for new and used structures and equipment. The ACES is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on actual business spending for non-farm, non-governmental companies, organizations, and associations operating in the United States. Both employer and non-employer companies are included in the survey.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis, the primary Federal user of our annual program statistics, uses these data 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 by industry. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics uses these 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 collection of capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment in the 2008 ACES, and the incorporation of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in the 2009 ACES.

Capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment were last collected from employer companies in the 2003 ACES. These data, collected together once every five years, will again be collected in the 2008 ACES. These data are critical to evaluating the comprehensiveness of capital expenditures statistics in years detailed data on types of structures and equipment are not collected. The detailed structures data will provide a 5-year benchmark for estimates of new construction put in place. The detailed equipment data will provide a periodic measure of expenditures by type of equipment and assist in evaluating estimates of the private equipment and software components of nonresidential fixed investment.

Through the 2008 ACES, data will be based on the 2002 NAICS. Beginning with the 2009 ACES, we will collect and publish data based on the 2007 NAICS.

Industries in the survey will comprise 3-digit and 4-digit 2007 NAICS codes.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will primarily 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. Companies can respond via a secure facsimile machine by using our toll-free number. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time.

Beginning with the 2006 ACES, we introduced an encrypted Internet Data Collection System (Census Taker) for optional use as a substitute for the paper form mailed to all companies. Census Taker is an electronic version of the paper data collection instrument. It provides improved quality with automatic data checks and is context-sensitive to assist the data provider in identifying potential reporting problems before submission, thus reducing the need for follow-up. Census Taker is completed via the internet eliminating the need for downloading software and increasing the integrity and confidentiality of these data.

The employer companies will be mailed one of three forms based on their diversity of operations and number of industries with payroll. Companies operating in only one industry will receive an ACE-1(S) form. Companies operating in more than one, but less than nine industries will receive an ACE-1(M) form. And, companies that operate in nine or more industries will receive an ACE-1(L). All non-employer companies will receive an ACE-2 form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0782.

Form Numbers: ACE-1(S), ACE-1(M), ACE-1(L) and ACE-2.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, self-employed individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 61,000 (46,000 employer companies, and 15,000 non-employer businesses).

Estimated Time per Response: The average for all respondents is 2.18 hours. For employer companies completing form ACE-1, the range is 2 to 16 hours, averaging 2.56 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: 132,980.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3.3 million.

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: July 2, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket A(32c)-09-2007]

Foreign-Trade Zone 39-Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX, Subzone 39I, Turbomeca USA, Grand Prairie, TX

A request has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport Board, grantee of FTZ 39, requesting a determination pursuant to Sec. 400.32(c) of the Board's regulations on whether certain activity is within the scope of authority approved under Board Order 1363 establishing Subzone 39I at the Turbomeca USA (Turbomeca) facility in Grand Prairie, Texas.

From 2003 until 2006, the Turbomeca facility was the subject of a focused assessment by CBP. As a result of the assessment, certain foreign components used in the manufacturing process have been reclassified. The activity conducted at the facility, the manufacturing and repair of helicopter engines (duty-free), and the actual foreign components used in the manufacturing process, have not changed. However, the company is now using the following additional