

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*  
Hours: 4,350 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:*  
\$56,246.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.  
*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, 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 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 25, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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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:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* Annual Survey of Local Government Finances (School Systems).  
*Form Number(s):* F-33, F-33-1, F-33-L1.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0700.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 2,871 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 894.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 3.2 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau collects education finance data as part of its Annual Survey of State and Local Governments. This survey is the only comprehensive source of public fiscal data collected on a nationwide scale

using uniform definitions, concepts and procedures. The collection covers the revenues, expenditures, debt, and assets of all public school systems. This data collection has been coordinated with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The NCES uses this collection to satisfy its need for school system level finance data.

Information on the finances of our public schools is vital to assessing their effectiveness. This data collection makes it possible to access a single data base to obtain information on such things as per pupil expenditures and the percent of state, local, and federal funding for each school system. Recently, as exemplified by the establishment of the America 2000 education goals, there has been increased interest in improving the Nation's public schools. One result of this intensified interest has been a significant increase in the demand for school finance data.

The data to be collected is identical to the previous collection except as follows:

1—In order to differentiate between payments made to public school systems and those made to private school systems, we are adding an item that identifies payments to private schools.

2—In order to differentiate between payments made to public schools, those made to private schools, and those made to quasi-public charter schools, we are adding an item that identifies payments to charter schools.

3—We are eliminating separate items that request expenditure data for business support, central support, and other support services and will collect them under a single combined heading, as respondents often do not separately collect the detail for these three functions.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC, Sections 161 and 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 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 Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk

Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Bureau of Economic Analysis

##### Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997

**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 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)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 instruments and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997 will obtain universe data on the financial and operating characteristics of, and on positions and transactions between, U.S. affiliates and their foreign parents. The data from the quinquennial survey will provide benchmarks for deriving current universe estimates of foreign direct investment from sample data collected in other BEA surveys in nonbenchmark years. The data are needed to measure the size of foreign direct investment in the United States, monitor changes in such investment, assess its impact on the U.S. economy, and based upon this assessment, make

informed policy decisions regarding foreign direct investment in the United States. They are required for compiling the balance of payments, international investment position, and national income and product accounts of the United States.

Key changes proposed by BEA from the previous benchmark survey include reducing respondent burden, particularly for small companies, by: (1) Increasing the exemption level for reporting on the survey to \$3 million (measured by the company's total assets, sales, or net income) from \$1 million in the 1992 survey; (2) increasing the exemption level at which reporting on the long form version of the survey is required from \$50 million to \$100 million; and (3) requiring reporting companies with assets, sales, or net income between \$3 million and \$30 million to report only selected data items on the short form version. In addition, BEA proposes to base industry coding of reporting companies on the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in place of the current system which is based upon the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification system; to collect new information on affiliated services transactions by type of service; and to modify the detail collected on the composition of external financing of the reporting enterprise, on exports and imports of goods by product, and on the operations of foreign-owned businesses in individual States.

## II. Method of Collection

The survey will be sent to potential respondents in February 1998, and responses are due on May 31, 1998. Each U.S. business enterprise that was owned 10 percent or more by a foreign person at the end of its 1997 fiscal year, and had total assets, sales or gross operating revenues, or net income that exceed \$3 million must file a report. U.S. business enterprises that were owned 10 percent or more by a foreign person at the end of their 1997 fiscal years but had total assets, sales or gross operating revenues, and net income that did not exceed \$3 million, and other U.S. businesses that receive a copy of the survey but are not subject to reporting, must file a claim for exemption from filing in the benchmark survey.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0608-0042 (the number assigned to the previous quinquennial survey).

*Form Number:* BE-12.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 22 hours is considered the average but the amount of time to complete the survey depends on the size and complexity of the business.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 245,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$7,350,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 245,000 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30). No capital costs will need to be expended to respond to the collection.

## 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 has 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 24, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee will be held July 24, 1997, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

## Agenda: General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers and comments by the public.
3. Review of Committee letters to the Department regarding a proposal for decontrol of aluminum alloys and titanium alloys and regarding implementation of the provisions of the Biological Weapons Convention protocol.

## Executive Session

4. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the materials should be forwarded two weeks prior to the meeting to the address below:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, TAC Unit/OAS/EA MS:3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 13, 1996, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10 (a)(1) and (a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public. A copy of the notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information or copies of the minutes call (202) 482-2583.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.*

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