

Once opportunities have been determined, management practices, such as those for site preparation and reforestation or for changes in MA-2 allocations, will be identified and developed into a Proposed Action. The Changed Condition Analysis is scheduled to be completed on or about October 1998.

3. Public Involvement in the analysis Process

The concerns and expectations of National Forest constituents played a significant role in the development of the 1996 LRMP. The February windstorm brought sudden and unexpected changes to the biological and social components of the NFGT, particularly on the Angelina and Sabine National Forests. It is important to involve the public as the Forest Service develops the analysis and determines the opportunities for management actions. Since the analysis will not be a "decision document" and will not involve the NEPA process, formal public involvement through scoping will not be done. The NFGT has been regularly informing the public about the progress of the ongoing storm recovery actions through regular information updates. The NFGT will contact the interested public with information about the analysis and offer the opportunity for participation in the analysis process.

4. Issuing the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

The NFGT will issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) after developing proposed actions based on the Changed Condition Analysis. The NOI will include a description of preliminary proposed actions, issues, and alternatives. The public will be asked to comment on these items as part of the scoping process under NEPA. Public comments will be used to further refine the proposed action, issues, and alternatives, and the range of alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

Dated: July 9, 1998.

Ronnie Raum,

Forest Supervisor.

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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: Survey of Income and Program Participation 1996 Panel Wave 9.

Form Number(s): SIPP 16905(L)

Director's Letter, CAPI Instrument.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0813.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 117,800 hours.

Number of Respondents: 77,700.

Avg Hours Per Response: Half an hour.

Needs and Uses: The Bureau of the Census conducts the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to collect information from a sample of households concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits. SIPP data are used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare and transfer payment programs such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Agriculture.

The SIPP is a longitudinal survey, in that households in the panel are interviewed 12 times at 4 month intervals or waves over the life of the panel, making the duration of the panel about 4 years. The next panel of households will be introduced in the year 2000.

The survey is molded around a central core of labor force and income questions, health insurance questions, and questions concerning government program participation that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core questions are asked at Wave 1 and are updated during subsequent interviews. The core is supplemented with additional questions or topical modules designed to answer specific needs.

This request is for clearance of the topical modules to be asked during Wave 9 of the 1996 Panel. The core questions have already been cleared. Topical modules for waves 10 through 12 will be cleared later. The topical modules for Wave 9 are: 1) Assets, Liabilities, and Eligibility, 2) Medical Expenses/Utilization of Health Care Services, and 3) Work Related Expenses and Child Support Paid. Wave 9 interviews will be conducted from December 1998 through March 1999.

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: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

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 Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 9, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Showcase Exhibit of U.S. Exports

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Showcase Exhibit of U.S. Exports.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration ("ITA") of the Department of Commerce announces an exhibition of exported U.S. products and services. The exhibition will showcase U.S. exports by displaying successfully exported products and services at ITA headquarters in Washington, D.C., to highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of exports on the U.S. economy. Companies and trade associations are encouraged to express interest in providing exhibit material. The energy sector will be the next industrial sector to be represented.

DATES: July 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *On the energy sector exhibit only, please contact:* Mr. John Rasmussen, Office of Energy, Infrastructure, and Machinery; U.S. Department of Commerce/ITA; Room 4056; Washington, D.C. 20230; Telephone (202) 482-1889; fax (202) 482-0170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

ITA is showcasing U.S. exports by exhibiting successfully exported products and services at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., to

highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of exports on the U.S. economy. The exhibit, which represents a series of industries and a variety of companies, is located in the Office of the Under Secretary for International Trade. The exhibit will be rotated approximately every four months. The first sector selected was the motor vehicles and automotive parts industry.

The second sector to be displayed is the energy sector. Companies and trade associations in this sector are encouraged to express interest in showcasing their exports of goods and/or services by contacting ITA through the individual listed above. Displayed items may include illustrations, miniaturized or actual models, or actual products. Examples of appropriate displays would include models or illustrations of drilling platforms or refineries, oil and gas pipeline equipment, geologic instrumentation systems, power plants or electric distribution lines that have been constructed overseas and incorporate substantial U.S. products and/or services.

Selection Process

Items will be selected for exhibition on the basis of the following factors:

(1) Items must be produced in, or representative of services exported from, the United States and have at least a 51% U.S. content, including materials, equipment and labor (in the case of large development projects, the applicant should identify substantial U.S. products or services into the completed project). To highlight the impact of exports on small businesses, items will also be considered that are produced by U.S. companies that do not directly export but rather whose goods or services are incorporated into another company's for export.

(2) The items must relate to the industry selected by ITA and be suitable for exhibition in a limited space.

(3) The company must not be owned or controlled, indirectly or directly, by a foreign government.

(4) Items chosen should reflect diversity of company size, location, demographics, and traditional underrepresentation in business.

Other conditions: Displayed items will be considered loans to the Department. Companies will be responsible for shipment of the item to and from the Commerce Department, for obtaining appropriate insurance, and for all related costs.

Time Frame for Applications: Expressions of interest from the energy sector should be received by August 17,

1998. Expressions of interest should be sent to the ITA official identified above.

A **Federal Register** notice will be published subsequently to announce the next sector to be highlighted.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

David L. Aaron,

Under Secretary for International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Fastener Quality Act—Provisional Listing of Facilities

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. 104-12 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct 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 instrument(s) should be directed to Dr. Subhas G. Malghan, NIST, Building 820, Room 250, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; (301) 975-6101.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This submission under the Paperwork Reduction Act represents a request for extension of a currently approved collection by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). NIST requires this information to ensure that manufacturing facilities that are seeking provisional listing do, in fact, meet all requirements of the Fastener Quality Act (FQA) and the implementing regulations while completing their formal registration process. During the provisional listing period, the listed facilities will be able to test and certify

that their fasteners meet the stated standards and specifications, and comply with the FQA.

II. Method of Collection

Applicants will submit written information to NIST.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0026.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimate of the total annual cost to submit this information for fiscal year 1998 and future years is \$500. There are no capital expenditures required.

IV. Requests 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 costs) 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated July 8, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Fastener Quality Act—Laboratory Accreditation Body Approval and Registrar Accreditation Body Approval

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.