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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Government Employment Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0452.

Form Number(s): E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-9.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 14,733.

Number of Respondents: 18,160.

Average Hours Per Response: 49 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This information collection request covers the questionnaires needed to conduct the public employment program for the 2008 and 2009 Annual Survey of Government Employment.

The questionnaires for collecting the data are described below. There are eight survey forms used to collect data on government employment, pay, and hours. Since there are many different types and sizes of governments, each form is tailored to the unique characteristics of the type and size of government or government agency to be surveyed.

- E-1 State agencies, excluding state colleges and universities
- E-2 State colleges and universities
- E-3 Dependent agencies of local governments, Single function special district governments
- E-4 County governments, Municipal and township governments with populations of 1,000 or more
- E-5 Municipalities and Townships (A shortened version of the E-4 form

to be completed by Municipalities and Townships with a population of < 1,000)

- E-6 Elementary and secondary school systems, Local government operated institutions of higher education
- E-7 Multifunction dependent agencies and fire protection agencies, Multifunction special district governments
- E-9 State police, County Sheriff departments

The type of employment and pay data collected by the public employment program in the 2008 and 2009 Annual Survey of Government Employment is identical to data collected in recent annual surveys of government employment. By state, the 2008 and 2009 Employment sample supports estimates of total local government employment and payrolls by type of government and government function.

Statistics compiled from data gathered using these forms are used in several important Federal government programs. Economists at the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) use the statistics in two ways for developing the National Income and Product Accounts. First, the employment data are used in developing price deflators for the government sector components of the gross domestic product accounts. Secondly, the employment and payroll data are used in developing the government sector components for the national and sub-national personal income accounts and tables.

The regional BEA program uses the Census of governments and the Annual Survey of Government Employment to derive state-level estimates of the employment and wages and salaries of students and their spouses who are employed by public institutions of higher education in which the students are enrolled. There is no other national or state source for information on student workers at state institutions of higher education.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines the allocation of operating subsidies to local housing authorities based on these survey data. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) used these data in its benchmarking procedures for state and local government components of the BLS monthly employment and earnings statistics.

The employment data are used for two other data collection efforts currently conducted by the Census Bureau. The Medical Expenditures Panel Survey (MEPS) collects data for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on health plans offered

to state and local government employees. The MEPS sample of public employees is drawn from the Census of Governments Employment file. The Criminal Justice Employment and Expenditure Survey (CJEE) uses employment data to provide employee and payroll statistics on police protection and correctional activities.

State and local government officials use these data to analyze and assess individual government labor force and wage levels. Both management and labor consult these data during wage and salary negotiations.

Public interest groups of many types produce analyses of public sector activities using these data. User organizations representing state and local government include the Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures, Government Research Association, Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and the International City/County Management Association. A third category, having a more specific focus on government activities, includes organizations such as the Tax Foundation, Michigan Taxpayers Association, National Sheriffs Association, and the Government Research Association.

A variety of other organizations and individuals make use of these data. Notable research organizations include the American Enterprise Institute, The Brookings Institution, the Rand Corporation, the Cato Institute, the Hudson Institute, and the Rockefeller Institute of Government. The instructors, researchers, and students in schools of public administration, political science, management, and industrial relations as well as other members of the public also use these data.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Certification Requirements for NOAA's Hydrographic Product Quality Assurance Program.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0507.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 24.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Average Hours Per Response: 4 hours.

Needs and Uses: NOAA was mandated by the Hydrographic Service Improvement Acts of 1998 and 2002 to develop and implement a quality assurance program under which the Administrator may certify privately-made hydrographic products. The Administrator fulfilled this mandate by establishing procedures by which hydrographic products are proposed for certification; by which standards and compliance tests are developed, adopted, and applied for those products; and by which certification is awarded or denied. These procedures are now at 15 CFR 996. The application and recordkeeping requirements at 15 CFR part 996 are the basis for this collection of information.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1536]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 197, Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 197, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 197—Site 1 to include an additional parcel at the Santa Teresa Logistics Park and expand the zone to include a site at the Santa Teresa Bi-National Park (Site 3) in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, within the Santa Teresa Customs and Border Protection port of entry (FTZ Docket 19-2007; filed 5/25/07);

WHEREAS, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 31050, 6/5/07) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 197 is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of November 2007.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Ernest Koh Chong Tek; In the Matter of: Ernest Koh Chong Tek currently incarcerated at: USM #73762-053 Federal Correctional Inst. (FCI) P.O. Drawer 30 McRae, Georgia 31055 and with an address at: Bkl 136 #09-430 Bishan Street 12 Singapore 570136;

Order Denying Export Privileges

A. Denial of Export Privileges of Ernest Koh Chong Tek

On October 13, 2006, in the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of New York, Ernest Koh Chong Tek, ("Koh") was convicted of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1705 (2000)) ("IEEPA"). The court found that Koh did knowingly and willfully export from the United States to Iran, civilian aircraft wheel components and vanes that were listed on the Commerce Control Lists without first obtaining the required validated export license from the Commerce Department and the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control. In addition, Koh was also found guilty on one count of conspiracy and one count of money laundering. Koh was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 52 months followed by three years of supervised release.

Section 11(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (currently codified at 50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) ("Act")¹ and Section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations²

¹ Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), as extended by the Notice of August 15, 2007 (72 FR 46137, Aug. 16, 2007), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706 (2000)) ("IEEPA").

² The Regulations are currently codified at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (2007).