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Dated: January 15, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### U.S. Census Bureau

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Population Survey (CPS) Basic Demographic Items**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

**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)).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2008.

**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](mailto: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 Dennis E. Clark, U.S. Census Bureau, 7H0003J, Washington, DC 20233-8400 at (301) 763-5488 (or via the Internet at [Dennis.E.Clark@census.gov](mailto:Dennis.E.Clark@census.gov)).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of basic demographic

information on the Current Population Survey (CPS) beginning in July 2008. The current clearance expires June 30, 2008.

The CPS has been the source of official government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Census Bureau jointly sponsor the basic monthly survey. The Census Bureau also prepares and conducts all the field work. At OMB's request, the Census Bureau and the BLS divide the clearance request in order to reflect the joint sponsorship and funding of the CPS program. The justification that follows is in support of the demographic data.

The demographic information collected in the CPS provides a unique set of data on selected characteristics for the civilian noninstitutional population. Some of the demographic information collected are age, marital status, gender, Armed Forces status, education, race, origin, and family income. These data are used in conjunction with other data, particularly the monthly labor force data, as well as periodic supplement data. The data is also used independently for internal analytic research and for evaluation of other surveys. And, in addition, as a control to produce accurate estimates of other personal characteristics.

##### **II. Method of Collection**

The CPS basic demographic information is collected from individual households by both personal visits and telephone interviews each month. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

##### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0049.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 57,000 per month.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.58 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,012.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, U.S.C., Section 182, and Title 29, U.S.C., Sections 1-9.

##### **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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **Export Trade Certificate of Review**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance of an Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 07-00004.

**SUMMARY:** On January 14, 2008, the U.S. Department of Commerce issued an Export Trade Certificate of Review to Houston Industries, USA, L.L.C. ("HIUSA"). This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification has been granted.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeffrey C. Anspacher, Director, Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number), or by E-mail at [oetca@ita.doc.gov](mailto:oetca@ita.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2006).

Export Trading Company Affairs ("ETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR section 325.6(b), which requires the U.S. Department of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice,

bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

#### **Description of Certified Conduct:**

##### *Export Trade*

##### 1. Products

All products.

##### 2. Services

All services.

##### 3. Technology Rights

Technology rights, including, but not limited to, patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets that relate to Products and Services.

##### 4. Export Trade Facilitation Services (as They Relate to the Export of Products, Services, and Technology Rights)

Export Trade Facilitation Services, including, but not limited to, professional services in the areas of government relations and assistance with state and federal programs; foreign trade and business protocol; consulting; market research and analysis; collection of information on trade opportunities; marketing; negotiations; joint ventures; shipping; export management; export licensing; advertising; documentation and services related to compliance with customs requirements; insurance and financing; trade show exhibitions; organizational development; management and labor strategies; transfer of technology; transportation services; and facilitating the formation of shippers' associations.

##### *Export Markets*

The Export Markets include all parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

##### *Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation*

1. With respect to the sales of Products and Services, licensing of Technology Rights and provisions of Export Trade Facilitation Services, HIUSA, subject to the terms and conditions listed below, may:

a. Provide and/or arrange for the provisions of Export Trade Facilitation Services;

b. Engage in promotional and marketing activities and collect information on trade opportunities in the Export Markets and distribute such information to clients;

c. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive licensing and/or sales agreements with Suppliers for the export of Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights to Export Markets;

d. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive agreements with distributors and/or sales representatives in Export Markets;

e. Allocate export sales or divide Export Markets among Suppliers for the sale and/or licensing of Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights;

f. Allocate export orders among Suppliers;

g. Establish the price of Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights for sales and/or licensing in Export Markets;

h. Negotiate, enter into, and/or manage licensing agreements for the export of Technology Rights; and

i. Enter into contracts for shipping.

2. HIUSA may exchange information on a one-to-one basis with individual Suppliers regarding that Supplier's inventories and near-term production schedules for the purpose of determining the availability of Products for export and coordinating export with distributors.

##### *Terms and Conditions of Certificate*

1. In engaging in Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operations, HIUSA will not intentionally disclose, directly or indirectly, to any Supplier any information about any other Supplier's costs, production, capacity, inventories, domestic prices, domestic sales, or U.S. business plans, strategies, or methods that is not already generally available to the trade or public.

2. HIUSA will comply with requests made by the Secretary of Commerce on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce or the Attorney General for information or documents relevant to conduct under the Certificate. The Secretary of Commerce will request such information or documents when either the Attorney General or the Secretary of Commerce believes that the information or documents are required to determine that the Export Trade, Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation of a person protected by this Certificate of Review continue to comply with the standard of Section 303(a) of the Act.

##### *Definition*

"Supplier" means a person who produces, provides, or sells Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights.

##### *Protection Provided by Certificate*

This Certificate protects HIUSA and its directors, officers, and employees acting on its behalf, from private treble

damage actions and government criminal and civil suits under U.S. federal and state antitrust laws for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out during its effective period in compliance with its terms and conditions.

##### *Effective Period of Certificate*

This Certificate continues in effect from the effective date indicated below until it is relinquished, modified, or revoked as provided in the Act and the Regulations.

##### *Other Conduct*

Nothing in this Certificate prohibits HIUSA from engaging in conduct not specified in this Certificate, but such conduct is subject to the normal application of the antitrust laws.

##### *Disclaimer*

The issuance of this Certificate of Review to HIUSA by the Secretary of Commerce with the concurrence of the Attorney General under the provisions of the Act does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, an endorsement or opinion of the Secretary of Commerce or the Attorney General concerning either (a) the viability or quality of the business plans of HIUSA or (b) the legality of such business plans of HIUSA under the laws of the United States (other than as provided in the Act) or under the laws of any foreign country.

The application of this Certificate to conduct in Export Trade where the United States Government is the buyer or where the United States Government bears more than half the cost of the transaction is subject to the limitations set forth in Section V.(D.) of the "Guidelines for the Issuance of Export Trade Certificates of Review (Second Edition)," 50 FR 1786 (January 11, 1985).

A copy of the certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

**Jeffrey Anspacher,**

*Director, Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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