

The dress rehearsal is a full-scale demonstration of all data collection and processing systems planned for Census 2000. New procedures being considered for Census 2000, such as user friendly forms easily available in many locations, multiple contacts with each household, digital capture of forms, and statistical estimation techniques have all been tested individually in earlier operations. The dress rehearsal will provide a census-like environment to demonstrate, simultaneously, the efficacy of these procedures planned for use in Census 2000.

The three sites chosen for the dress rehearsal are: Sacramento, California; Columbia, South Carolina and surrounding counties; and Menominee American Indian Reservation, Wisconsin.

Because of timing issues the questions on Race and Ethnicity that will be asked during the dress rehearsal are not included on the questionnaires submitted with this request. These questions are being determined by OMB under Directive 15 and will be submitted separately for review.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC, Sections 141 and 193.

*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 5327, 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: August 1, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### Proposal to Collect Information on Transactions of U.S. Affiliates With Their Foreign Parents

**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 October 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 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, D.C. 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Transactions of U.S. Affiliate, Except a U.S. Banking Affiliate, with Foreign Parent (Form BE-605) and Transactions of U.S. Banking Affiliate with Foreign Parent (Form BE-605 Bank), obtain quarterly sample data on transactions and positions between foreign-owned U.S. business enterprises and their foreign parents. The data are needed for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, the international investment position of the United States, and the national income and product accounts. The data are also needed to measure the amount of foreign direct investment in the United States, monitor changes in such investment, assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, and, based upon this assessment, make informed policy decisions regarding foreign direct investment in the United States.

The survey is being revised to bring it into conformity with the proposed design of the BE-12 Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997. Beginning with the report covering the first quarter of 1998, BEA plans to raise the exemption level for reporting to \$30 million (measured by the foreign-owned U.S. business enterprise's total assets, sales or gross operating revenues, or net income or loss) from \$20 million, thereby reducing respondent burden for small companies. It also plans to request, for the first time, that trade in services between U.S. affiliates and their

foreign parents be reported once each year by type of service.

##### II. Method of Collection

Forms BE-605 and BE-605 Bank are quarterly reports that must be filed within 30 days after the end of each quarter (45 days after the final quarter of the respondent's fiscal year) by every U.S. business enterprise that is owned 10 percent or more by a foreign investor and that has total assets, sales, or net income (or loss) of over \$30 million. Potential respondents are those U.S. business enterprises that reported in the last benchmark survey of foreign direct investment in the United States, along with those affiliates that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The data collected are sample data covering transactions and positions between foreign-owned U.S. business enterprises and their foreign parents. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0608-0009.

*Form Number:* BE-605/BE-605 Bank.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,950 per quarter; 15,800 annually.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1¼ hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 19,750 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$592,500 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 19,750 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

##### 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: July 31, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### **Proposal To Collect Information on the Initial Report on a Foreign Person's Direct or Indirect Acquisition, Establishment, or Purchase of a U.S. Business Enterprise**

**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 October 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 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, D.C. 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

The Initial Report on a Foreign Person's Direct or Indirect Acquisition, Establishment, or Purchase of the Operating Assets, of a U.S. Business Enterprise, Including Real Estate (Form BE-13) and the Report by a U.S. Person Who Assists or Intervenes in the Acquisition of a U.S. Business Enterprise by, or Who Enters Into a Joint Venture with, a Foreign Person (Form BE-14) obtain initial data on new foreign direct investment in the United States. The survey collects identification information on, and limited financial and operating data for, the U.S. entity being established or acquired. It also collects identification information on the new foreign owner. The data are

needed to measure the amount of new 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.

This survey is being revised to bring it into conformity with the proposed design of the BE-12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997. Beginning with reports covering 1998 transactions, BEA plans to raise the exemption level for reporting to \$3 million (measured by the acquired or established company's total assets) from \$1 million, thereby reducing respondent burden for small companies. A concomitant requirement that a report be filed for all acquisitions of 200 or more acres of U.S. land will not be changed. BEA also 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 on the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification System. No changes are being proposed for Form BE-14, except that the exemption for reporting is raised to correspond to the new threshold for Form BE-13.

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

The BE-13 survey must be filed by every U.S. business with over \$3 million of assets or 200 or more acres of U.S. land that is acquired to the extent of 10 percent or more, or is established, by a foreign investor. It is a one-time report that must be filed within 45 days of the acquisition or establishment. An exemption claim must be filed for transactions that do not meet the exemption levels of \$3 million of assets or 200 acres of land. The BE-14 survey is filed by a person who assists in an investment transaction, such as a real estate broker or attorney, or who enters into a U.S. joint venture with a foreign person. Its purpose is to provide BEA with the name and address of the newly established or acquired U.S. company, so that a BE-13 form can be mailed to it for completion.

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

*OMB Number:* 0608-0035.

*Form Number:* BE-13/BE-14.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,200 annually.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1½ hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1,800 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$54,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 1,800 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

#### **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: July 31, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 912]

#### **Expansion of Foreign-Trade Subzone 183A Dell Computer Corporation; Austin, TX**

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*, an application from the Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 183, for authority to expand Foreign-Trade Subzone 183A at the Dell Computer Corporation plant in Austin, Texas, was filed by the Board on March 27, 1997 (FTZ Docket 24-97, 62 FR 17147, 4/9/97); and,

*Whereas*, notice inviting public comment was given in **Federal Register** 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