

decision regarding this proposal after considering public comments, the environmental consequences displayed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reasons will be documented in the Record of Decision.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of Draft Environmental Impact Statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions: *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts; *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

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Acting Assistant 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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Industrial Reports Program—Wave III (Mandatory).

Form Number(s): MQ313T, MA315D, MA327E, MA333D, MA333f, MA333J, MA334P.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0476.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,544 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,867.

Avg Hours Per Response: 42 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of its Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover.

The information collected in the CIR program provides continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically, surveys conducted monthly and quarterly are voluntary and surveys conducted annually are mandatory. The frequency of collection is based on the cyclical nature of production, the need for frequent trade monitoring in particular industries, and the use of certain production data in Government economic indicator series. In some cases, companies reporting in the more frequent voluntary surveys that choose not to respond are subject to a special annual counterpart survey which is mandatory. Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes we group the surveys into three Waves. The mandatory and voluntary surveys in each Wave are separately submitted (with the exception that mandatory counterpart surveys are included in the same request as their voluntary equivalents). Thus, a total of six clearances cover all of the surveys in the CIR program. One Wave (two separate clearance requests) is submitted for reclearance each year.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Quarterly and annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 81, 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

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 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Linda Hutton, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 20, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Industrial Reports Program—Wave III (Voluntary).

Form Number(s): M336G, MQ313D, MA333U.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0776.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 699 hours.

Number of Respondents: 342.

Avg Hours Per Response: 31 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of its Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover.

The information collected in the CIR program provides continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

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Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Monthly, Quarterly, Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary (Annual counterparts are Mandatory).

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 182, 224, 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

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Dated: May 20, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Minority Business Development Agency.

Title: Performance Database (formerly the Business Development Report (BDR) System), Phoenix (formerly Automated Business Enterprise Locator System (ABELS)) and the Opportunity Database Systems.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: Formerly 0640-0002.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden: 10,046 hours (46, 8,750 and 1,250 hours annually, respectively).

Number of Respondents: 40,046 (46, 35,000 and 5,000, respectively).

Avg. Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of the Performance, Phoenix and Opportunity databases is to provide an electronic system for (1) entering the accomplishments (Performance) of MBDA's funded organizations, (2) entering minority-owned businesses doing business in the United States (Phoenix), and matching contract opportunities with eligible minority companies listed in the Phoenix database (Opportunity). Specific uses of the on-line Performance Database include:

The documentation of actual performance accomplishments of each funded organization compared with stated goals in its cooperative agreement with MBDA. The Performance database permits tracking of each funded organization's goals using a number of general and specific variables. The flexibility of the database permits new variables to be added as needed.

The verification of the summary performance accomplishments cited in narrative reports. Based on the results, performance data and other qualitative information obtained during MBDA quarterly monitoring will determine whether a specific cooperative agreement should be terminated or other actions are needed to improve performance.

The advantage of daily tracking of performance is that it will enable managers not only to terminate non-performing funded organizations but, more importantly, to address performance problems early in their development.

Identifies minority business clients receiving Agency-sponsored business development services in the form of

management and technical assistance, the kind of assistance each receives, and the impact of that assistance on the growth and profitability of the client firms.

The preparation of special reports analyzing program activities and services by business types, industry trends, business starts, geographic profiles, successful capital and marketing opportunities, and other program elements.

The system permits client identification using a unique computer-assigned identifier for each funded organization. This identification is related to all client data fields. Number of clients assisted, types of assistance, number of hours of assistance, dollar amounts of loans, bonds and contracts, as well as a number of other variables are available for analysis on each client and funded organization.

MBDA requires this information to monitor, evaluate, and plan Agency programs which effectively enhance the development of the minority business sector.

Using information collected, MBDA produces ad hoc and recurring reports on its funded organizations, client services activities and accomplishments. Because MBDA's major funded activity is client service, the reports generated are a primary agency reporting and planning mechanism.

The data collection activity is comprised of the Time Phased Plan (TPP). This form, included in the funded organization's proposal in response to Agency solicitation in the **Federal Register**, provides the Agency with the grantee's actual accomplishments at the end of each reporting period. MBDA staff enters the grantee goals at the time of solicitation.

The purpose of this collection will be to establish a framework for assessing and evaluating projects' performance.

The Phoenix database constitutes the Minority Business Development Agency's (MBDA) listing of minority-owned businesses doing business in the United States. The Opportunity database contains public and private contract and other opportunities. The system matches contract opportunities with eligible minority companies listed in the Phoenix database. The information entered in the Phoenix database will be used to assist minority enterprises with marketing of goods and services.

The purpose for collecting this information is to enable entities with an interest in contracting with a minority firm to identify potential minority contractors according to various criteria.