

#### IV. Request for Comments

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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: March 19, 2002.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Census Bureau

##### 2002 Company Organization Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing efforts 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:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Paul Hanczaryk, Bureau of the Census, Room 2747, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100; telephone (301) 457-2600.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR), formerly known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-establishment companies.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and contact information (for example, name and address).
- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

##### II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2002 COS in conjunction with the 2002 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections so as to minimize response burden. The consolidated COS/census mail canvass will direct inquiries to the entire BR universe of multiestablishment enterprises, which comprises some 182,000 parent companies and more than 1.6 million establishments. The primary collection medium for the COS and census is paper questionnaire; however, many large enterprises will submit automated/electronic COS reports. COS data content is identical for all reporting modes.

Primary COS inquiries to each of the 182,000 multiestablishment enterprises will include questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Additional COS inquiries will apply to approximately 5,000 enterprises that operate some 25,000 establishments classified in industries that are out-of-scope to the economic census. The additional inquiries will list an inventory of those out-of-scope establishments and request updates to the inventory, including additions; deletions; and changes to Federal employer identification number, name and address, and industrial classification. Further, the additional inquiries will collect the following basic operating data for each listed establishment: end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll. The economic census will collect data for all other establishments of multiestablishment enterprises, including those items listed above.

##### III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0444.

Form Number: NC-99001.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 182,000 enterprises.

Estimate Time Per Response: .5 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 91,255.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

Included in the total annual cost of the BR, which is estimated to be \$10.2 million for fiscal year 2002.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 131, 182, 224 and 225.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economics and Statistics Administration

#### Decennial Census Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 10(a)(b), the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Decennial Census Advisory Committee. The Committee will address issues related to 2010 decennial planning, development, and testing, as well as the American Community Survey and other related decennial programs. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent us from giving advance notification.

**DATES:** May 2-3, 2002. On May 2, the meeting will begin approximately 8:45 a.m. and end approximately 5:15 p.m. On May 3, the meeting will begin approximately 8:45 a.m. and end approximately 1:45 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Francis Amasa Walker Conference Center, U.S. Census Bureau, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Federal Office Building 3, Suitland, MD 20746.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3627, Federal Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2075, TDD 301-457-2540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Decennial Census Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and up to 40 member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Commerce considers the goals of the decennial census and users' needs for information provided by the decennial census. The Committee provides an outside user perspective about how research and design plans for the 2010 decennial census, and the

development of the American Community Survey and related programs, will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The members of the Advisory Committee will draw on their experience with Census 2000 planning and operational processes, results of research studies, test censuses, and results of the Census 2000 evaluation program to provide input on the design and related operations of the 2010 decennial census, the American Community Survey, and other related programs.

A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer, named above, at least three working days prior to the meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer.

Dated: March 15, 2002.

**Kathleen B. Cooper,**

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,  
Economics and Statistics Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Security and Critical Technology Assessment of the U.S. Industrial Base

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Export Administration, 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:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dawnielle Battle, BXA ICB Liaison, (202) 482-0637, Department of Commerce, Room 6883, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce/BXA, in coordination with other government agencies and private entities, conduct assessments of U.S. industries deemed critical to our national security. The information gathered is needed to assess the health and competitiveness as well as the needs of the targeted industry sector in order to maintain a strong U.S. industrial base.

##### II. Method of Collection

Written response.

##### III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0119.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

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