

the option to self-respond to this test initially using the Internet or telephone assistance. If the respondents do not respond using Internet or telephone by a date to be determined, the Census Bureau will mail a paper questionnaire to those households. This follow-up contact is the only way that a respondent will receive a paper questionnaire in this test.

For a sample of households that do not self-respond, the Census Bureau will conduct a Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) operation. The Census Bureau will use mobile computing devices to conduct interviews and will enter responses into the device. The Census Bureau will also recontact some respondents as part of quality assurance activities of its field staff.

Finally, the Census Bureau will conduct a follow-up telephone survey for a sample of respondents and nonrespondents to explore attitudes regarding contact modes, response modes, use of administrative records to collect data, and other proposed methods of data collection.

Timing—Census Day for the purpose of this test is June 1, 2013. The Census Bureau will begin to notify households in May 2013, and the data collection activities will conclude during or before September 2013.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–XXXX.

Form Number: TBD.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 212,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes for census form and 10 to 12 minutes for the attitudinal survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 36,167.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: Respondents who are contacted by cell phone and/or text message may incur charges depending on their plan with their service provider. The Census Bureau estimates that the total cost to respondents will be no more than \$840,000. There are no other costs to respondents other than their time to participate in this data collection.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 141 and 193.

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.

Dated: August 31, 2012

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units (Building Permits Survey)

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, 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 November 5, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Erica M. Filipek, U.S. Census Bureau, MCD, CENHQ Room 7K057, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301)

763–5161 (or via the Internet at Erica.Mary.Filipek@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of a currently approved collection of the Form C–404, Building Permits Survey. The Census Bureau produces statistics used to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. Given the importance of this industry, several of the statistical series are key economic indicators. Two such series are (a) Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits and (b) Housing Starts. Both are based on data from samples of permit-issuing places. These statistics help state and local governments and the Federal Government, as well as private industry, to analyze this important sector of the economy.

The Census Bureau uses Form C–404 to collect data to provide estimates of the number and valuation of new residential housing units authorized by building permits. The form is titled “Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units”. We use the data, a component of the index of leading economic indicators, to estimate the number of housing units started, completed, and sold, if single-family, and to select samples for the Census Bureau's demographic surveys. The Census Bureau also uses the detailed geographic data collected from state and local officials on new residential construction authorized by building permits in the development of annual population estimates that are used by government agencies to allocate funding and other resources to local areas. Policymakers, planners, businessmen/women, and others also use the detailed geographic data to monitor growth and plan for local services and to develop production and marketing plans. The Building Permits Survey is the only source of statistics on residential construction for states and smaller geographic areas. Building permits are public records; therefore, the information is not subject to disclosure restrictions.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents may submit their completed form by mail, Internet or fax. Some respondents choose to email electronic files or mail printouts of permit information in lieu of returning the form.

The survey universe is comprised of approximately 19,425 local governments that issue building permits. Monthly,

we collect this information via Internet, mail or fax for about 8,225 permit-issuing jurisdictions and via electronic files or printouts of permits for about 650 jurisdictions. Annually, we collect this information via Internet, mail or fax for the remaining 10,550 jurisdictions.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0094.

Form Number: C–404. You can obtain information on the proposed content at this Web site: www.census.gov/mcd/clearance.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State and Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,425.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 minutes for monthly respondents who report via Internet, mail or faxing the form, 3 minutes for monthly respondents who send electronic files or printouts, and 23 minutes for annual respondents who report via Internet, mail or faxing the form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,594.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$416,012.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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.

Dated: August 30, 2012.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–33–2012]

Foreign-Trade Zone 220—Sioux Falls, SD; Authorization of Production Activity; Rosenbauer America, LLC/ Rosenbauer South Dakota, LLC, (Emergency Vehicles/Firefighting Equipment), Lyons, SD

On April 30, 2012, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, grantee of FTZ 220, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board on behalf of Rosenbauer America, LLC/ Rosenbauer South Dakota, LLC, within FTZ 220—proposed Site 8, in Lyons, South Dakota.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (77 FR 27417–27418, 05/10/2012). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: August 28, 2012.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1854]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 155 Under Alternative Site Framework; Calhoun and Victoria Counties, Texas

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 adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (74 FR 1170–1173, 01/12/2009; correction 74 FR 3987, 01/22/2009; 75 FR 71069–71070, 11/22/2010) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Calhoun-Victoria Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 155, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket 29–2012, filed 04/09/2012) for authority to reorganize under the ASF with a service area of the Counties of Calhoun,

Victoria and Matagorda, Texas, within the Port Lavaca-Point Comfort Customs and Border Protection port of entry, FTZ 155's existing Sites 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would be categorized as magnet sites, and FTZ 155's existing Sites 2 and 7 would be categorized as usage-driven sites;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 22558, 04/16/2012) 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 the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 155 under the alternative site framework is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone, to a five-year ASF sunset provision for magnet sites that would terminate authority for Sites 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 if not activated by August 31, 2017, and to a three-year sunset provision for usage-driven sites that would terminate authority for Sites 2 and 7 if no foreign-status merchandise is admitted for a *bona fide* customs purpose by August 31, 2015.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of August 2012.

Paul Piquado,

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

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1852]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 94 Under Alternative Site Framework; Laredo, 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, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (74 FR