

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans the continuing information collection for the 2002 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES). The annual survey collects data on fixed assets and depreciation, sales and receipts, capitalized computer software developed for internal use, and capital expenditures for new and used structures and equipment. The ACES is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on actual business spending by domestic, private, nonfarm businesses operating in the United States. Industrial sectors covered by the survey are based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Both employer and nonemployer companies are included in the survey.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the primary Federal user of our annual program statistics, uses the information in refining and evaluating annual estimates of investment in structures and equipment in the national income and product accounts, compiling annual input-output tables, and computing gross domestic product (GDP) by industry. The Federal Reserve Board (FRB) uses the data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) uses the data to improve estimates of capital stocks for productivity analysis.

Industry analysts use these data for market analysis, economic forecasting, identifying business opportunities, product development, and business planning.

Proposed changes to the collection are the elimination of two questions requesting the estimated cost of assets acquired under capital lease arrangements entered into during the year, and the amount of capitalized interest incurred during the year to produce or construct assets reported as capital expenditures; and, the addition of a request for data on capitalized costs of computer software developed or obtained for internal use. Data relating to assets acquired under capital lease arrangements (previously collected from employer and nonemployer companies) and capitalized interest (previously collected from employer companies only) will continue to be included as capital expenditures, but the individual questions regarding each will be eliminated. The new question related to computer software will request from employer companies, total capitalized computer software, value of capitalized pre-packaged computer software, value of capitalized custom computer

software, and value of capitalized own-account (internally developed) computer software.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Employer companies will be mailed one of three forms based on their diversity of operations and number of industries with payroll. Companies that operate in only one industry will receive an ACE-1 (S) form. Companies that operate in more than one but less than nine industries will receive an ACE-1 (M) form. And, companies that operate in nine or more industries will receive an ACE-1 (L) form. Respondent companies are permitted to respond via facsimile machine to our toll-free number. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial mailing. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0782.

Form Number: ACE-1 (S), (M), (L), (Sent to employer companies reporting payroll to the Internal Revenue Service), and the ACE-2 (Sent to nonemployer companies).

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, small businesses or organizations, and self-employed individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 61,000 (46,000 employer companies, and 15,000 nonemployer companies).

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is 2.4 hours. For employer companies completing form ACE-1, the range is from 2 to 16 hours, averaging 2.8 hours. For nonemployer companies completing form ACE-2, the range is from less than 1 hour to 2 hours, averaging 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 145,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Respondents: \$3 million.

Respondents' Obligation: Mandatory.

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

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: July 30, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Requirements for Approved Construction Projects

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1994, 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 1, 2002.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Patricia Flynn, Director, Operations Review and Analysis Division, Economic Development Administration, Room 7015, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-5353.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) helps our partners across the nation (states, regions, and communities) create wealth

and minimize poverty by promoting a favorable business environment to attract private capital investment and jobs through world-class capacity building, planning, infrastructure, research grants, and strategic initiatives.

This information collection is needed to monitor construction projects for compliance with Federal and other program and administrative requirements as set forth in EDA's authorizing legislation the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, including the comprehensive amendments by the Economic Development Reform Act of 1998, Public Law 105-393, (PWEDA), EDA's implementing regulations at 13 CFR parts 305 and 308, and the Common Rule as set forth at 15 CFR parts 14 and 24. The *Requirements for Approved Construction Projects* manual is intended to supplement and explain the requirements that apply to Federally-assisted construction projects. The requirements are not intended to derogate, replace or negate the above cited Federal requirements. The information collected from grant recipients is used by EDA to safeguard the public's interest in the grant assets, and to promote the effective use of grant funds accomplishing the purpose for which they were granted. EDA uses information gathered to analyze and report on program performance for over 1,160 projects which at any one time are still in design or construction.

II. Method of Collection

To responsibly administer its programs and to fulfill its statutory mandate, EDA must obtain certain data to monitor project progress from the earliest stages of design to the final performance measures report following completion of construction. The data is used to determine if time schedules, contract specifications, procurement regulations, environmental regulations, civil rights regulations, bonding requirements, and financial safeguards, among others are being followed. Additionally, EDA must collect information on the jobs to be created and saved, by those that apply for and receive its assistance (applicants and recipients), and by those that create or save 15 or more jobs as a result of EDA's assistance.

III. Data

OMB Number(s): 0610-0096.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Burden: 23,200.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: EDA-funded grantees: State, local and tribal governments;

community organizations; and not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 1,160.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 23,200.

Estimate Total Annual Cost: \$928,000.

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 equality, 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 29, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Proposal and Application for Federal Assistance, and Civil Rights Guidelines

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 1, 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 Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides investments that will help our partners across the nation (states, regions and communities) create wealth and minimize poverty by promoting a favorable business environment to attract private capital investment and high skill, high wage jobs through world-class capacity building, infrastructure, business assistance, research grants and strategic initiatives.

EDA's Proposal and Application for Federal Assistance, and Civil Rights Guidelines are needed to determine conformance to statutory and regulatory requirements as set forth in EDA's authorizing legislation (Public Law 105-393) and EDA's implementing regulations at 13 CFR Chapter III. EDA must obtain certain data to assess the quality of the scope of work proposed to address the pressing needs and other economic problem(s) of the area, the merits of the activity for which funding is requested, and the ability of the prospective applicant to carry out the proposed activities successfully.

II. Method of Collection

Potential applicants are responsible for demonstrating to EDA, by providing statistics and other appropriate information, the nature and level of the distress their project efforts are intended to alleviate. EDA provides funding for eligible investment activities through direct grants and cooperative agreements. The Civil Rights Guidelines are required by the Department of Justice at 28 CFR 42.404, which directs Federal agencies to publish Title VI guidelines for each type of program to which they extend financial assistance, where such guidelines would be appropriate to provide detailed information of the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. To responsibly administer its programs, EDA must obtain certain data on the jobs to be created and saved, by those