

IV. Request for Comments

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Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Reporting Process for Complaint of Employment Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation Against the Department of Commerce

AGENCY: Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information

collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments by email to PRAComments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0694–0024 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Paul Redpath, Office of Civil Rights, Chief, Program Implementation Division, phone (202) 482–2627 or by email at predpath@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Pursuant to Executive Order 11478 and Department of Commerce Administrative Order (DAO) 215–11, an employee or applicant for employment with the Department of Commerce who alleges that he or she has been subjected to discriminatory treatment based on sexual orientation by the Department of Commerce or one of its sub-agencies, must submit a signed statement that is sufficiently precise to identify the actions or practices that form the basis of the complaint.

The complainant is also required to provide an address and telephone number where the complainant or his or her representative may be contacted. Through use of the standardized form (CD–545), the Office of Civil Rights proposes to collect the information required by the Executive Order and DAO in a uniform manner that will increase the efficiency of complaint processing and trend analyses of complaint activity.

II. Method of Collection

A paper form, signed by the complainant or his/her designated representative, must be submitted by mail or delivery service, in person, or by facsimile transmission.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0690–0024.

Form Number: CD–545.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Federal Government.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.
Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

RIN 0691–XC114

Request for Comment; Notice of Development of Puerto Rico Gross Domestic Product Statistics

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is soliciting comments from the public on its new prototype

estimates of Puerto Rico Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which includes statistics for consumer spending, private fixed investment, inventory investment, net exports of goods and services, and government spending for Puerto Rico. BEA seeks comments on the statistics' data sources, presentation, level of detail, and scope. Following the public comment period, BEA will incorporate feedback, updating the statistics and related materials for Puerto Rico GDP.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than November 2, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* territories@bea.gov.
- *Mail:* Sabrina Montes, Office of the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Road (BE-40), Washington, DC 20233.

Comments sent by any other method or after the comment period may not be considered. All comments are a part of the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sabrina Montes, Office of the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Road (BE-40), Washington, DC 20233; phone: (301) 278-9268 or email Sabrina.Montes@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2018, BEA initiated a project to calculate GDP for Puerto Rico in order to support Puerto Rico's economic recovery following devastating hurricanes in 2017. This project follows technical collaborations between BEA and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico dating back to 2010. The project also addresses recommendations from the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico and Government Accountability Office that BEA calculate GDP for Puerto Rico.

The present project—a collaborative effort between the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and BEA—combines the best available Puerto Rico economic data with BEA's current national economic accounting methodologies. The project seeks to produce accurate and objective economic statistics for Puerto Rico comparable to data for other U.S. territories, states, and the nation.

Prototype statistics of GDP and its components for 2012–2018 were published on September 28, 2020. Methodologies incorporated in the statistics included:

- Using chain-type Fisher indexes to calculate changes in aggregate output and prices;
- expanding the use of economic census data from the U.S. Census Bureau;
- treating expenditures on intangible assets as investment to allow users to understand how these intangible assets drive economic growth; and
- adjusting for inflation at a high level of detail to ensure that the selected price indexes reflect the mix of goods and services produced by the Puerto Rico economy.

BEA is now seeking feedback on these new statistics. BEA will consider this feedback as it continues to refine source data, methodology, and data presentations in preparation for routine production of these data.

BEA invites all comments from the public; private industry; state, local, and territorial governments; non-profit organizations; and other interested parties to assist in improving the prototype statistics. In particular, BEA is interested in feedback regarding the following (with the understanding that BEA will accept and consider all feedback on its new Puerto Rico GDP statistics):

1. How will the statistics on Puerto Rico GDP and its components be used?
2. Given that the statistics are on a calendar year basis, what time of the year should they be published to maximize their usefulness in planning and for other uses?
3. Are the components in the prototype GDP statistics consistent with the data and local information that are available elsewhere on Puerto Rico? If not, please describe the differences.
4. Do you have any feedback about the methodology used to create the prototype Puerto Rico GDP statistics described in the *Summary of Methodologies: Puerto Rico Gross Domestic Product* (September 2020) (available at BEA.gov)?
5. Are there additional or alternative data sources that you believe could be

used to generate and corroborate these statistics beyond those described in the *Summary of Methodologies: Puerto Rico Gross Domestic Product* (September 2020) (available at BEA.gov)?

6. Which would be more useful: Less-detailed product breakdowns, which will result in fewer data suppressions to protect confidentiality, or more-detailed product breakdowns, with the necessary suppressions?

7. BEA is aware that stakeholders may be interested in statistics not included in the present release, such as quarterly measures, GDP by industry, and GNP. What extensions to BEA's Puerto Rico GDP statistics would be useful and why?

Sabrina Montes,

Economist, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[9/19/2020 through 9/24/2020]

| Firm name | Firm address | Date accepted for investigation | Product(s) |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| George B. Woodcock & Company, Inc. | 9667 Canoga Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311. | 9/21/2020 | The firm manufactures shipping containers and packaging supplies. |
| New Dimensions Precision Machining, LLC. | 6614 South Union Road, Union, IL 60180. | 9/22/2020 | The firm manufactures miscellaneous metal parts. |