

be directed to Robert McArthur, Chief, Program Evaluation Branch, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-6800 (301-457-1582).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request approval of data collection Form G-24, Prelist Survey of Special Districts. This form will be used to verify the existence of special districts for the 2002 Census of Governments, to obtain current mailing addresses, and to identify new districts. The quinquennial Census of Governments enumerates five types of local governments: county governments, municipal governments, township governments, school district governments, and special district governments. Lists of county, municipal, and township governments are kept up-to-date through the Boundary and Annexation Survey conducted annually by the Geography Division of the Bureau of the Census. School district governments and other "local education agencies" are kept current through data sharing arrangements with state education agencies and the National Center for Education Statistics. However, there is no national source of information on special district governments. We, therefore, enlist the help of county clerks and other county officials to provide information on changes in special districts, including the creation of new districts, disincorporation of existing districts, and address changes. An updated list is necessary for subsequent phases of the Census of Governments to ensure complete coverage and to minimize the need for remailings caused by inaccurate addresses.

II. Method of Collection

Each of 3,039 counties, consolidated city-county governments, and independent cities designated for the survey will be sent a printed list of previously identified special districts within their county areas. Respondents will be requested to review and update the list to identify those districts that are no longer active, districts with address changes, and districts that are not included in the list. For new special districts, respondents will be requested to provide, in addition to the district name, mailing addresses and the names of counties included in the service area.

The feasibility of electronic data collection will be explored in two states (as yet undetermined) by providing along with the printed paper requests instructions for accessing and reporting

on spreadsheet files. Spreadsheet files will be prepared for each of the respondent counties to update and passwords provided to each respondent.

In addition, in keeping with Governments Division policy, we will accept printouts of respondents' own files and electronic responses prepared from respondents' own files.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: G-24.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: County governments, consolidated city-county governments, and independent cities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,039.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,520.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$24,335.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 161.

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 31, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To Collect Information on Transactions of U.S. Affiliates With Their Foreign Parents; Proposed Collection

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 comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Transactions of U.S. Affiliate, Except a U.S. Banking Affiliate, with Foreign Parent (Form BE-605) and Transactions of U.S. Banking Affiliate with Foreign Parent (Form BE-605 Bank), obtain quarterly cut-off sample data on transactions and positions between foreign-owned U.S. business enterprises and their "affiliated foreign group" (i.e., their foreign parents and foreign affiliates of their foreign parents). The data are needed for compiling the international transactions accounts, input-output accounts, and national income and product accounts of the United States. The data are also needed to measure the amount of foreign direct investment in the United States, monitor changes in such investment, assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, and, based upon this assessment, make informed policy decisions regarding foreign direct investment in the United States.

BEA is proposing the following three changes to the forms and instructions:

1. Revise and clarify the instructions for reporting of net income and capital gains by banks, dealers in financial instruments, and companies in finance, insurance, or real estate.

2. Modify the detail on services transactions on Form BE-605 by adding two categories—management and consulting and research and development—and dropping one—communications services. These changes will improve the usefulness of the detail on services by type without materially affecting the average burden imposed on respondents. Services by type are not collected on Form BE-605 Bank.

3. Eliminate a special instruction requiring that accruals under the terms of interest rate and foreign currency swap agreements be reported as “interest” on a net basis. This change will bring reporting into conformity with new international guidelines, which require such transactions to be treated as financial flows rather than interest.

II. Method of Collection

Forms BE-605 and BE-605 Bank are quarterly reports that must be filed within 30 days after the end of each quarter (45 days after the final quarter of the respondent's fiscal year) by every U.S. business enterprise that is owned 10 percent or more by a foreign investor and that has total assets, sales, or net income (or loss) of over \$30 million. Potential respondents are those U.S. business enterprises that reported in the last benchmark survey of foreign direct investment in the United States, along with those U.S. business enterprises that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The data collected are cut-off sample data covering transactions and positions between foreign-owned U.S. business enterprises and their affiliated foreign groups. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0009.

Form Number: BE-605/BE-605 Bank.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,950 per quarter; 15,800 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1¼ hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 19,750 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$592,500 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 19,750 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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 has 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 31, 2000.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Award for Excellence in Economic Development—Request for Comments

ACTION: Reinstatement 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patricia A. Flynn, Director, Operations Review and Analysis Division, Economic Development Administration, Room 7015,

Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-5353.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

EDA provides a broad range of economic development assistance to help distressed communities design and implement effective economic development strategies. Part of this assistance includes disseminating information about best practices and encouraging collegial learning among economic development practitioners. EDA has created the Award for Excellence in Economic Development to recognize outstanding economic development activities of national importance. In order to make Awards for Excellence in Economic Development, EDA must collect two kinds of information: (a) Information identifying the nominee and contacts within the organization being nominated and (b) information explaining why the nominee should be given the award. The information will be used to determine those applicants best meeting the preannounced selection criteria. Use of a nomination form standardizes and limits the information collected as part of the nomination process. This makes the competition fair and eases any burden on applicants and reviewers alike. Participation in the competition is voluntary. The award is strictly honorary.

II. Method of Collection

As part of the development of the Award for Excellence in Economic Development, EDA has designed a short nomination form. Nominees will submit the form to EDA, where they will be screened for completeness and forwarded to the Selection Panel for review. The information will be used by the Selection Panel to determine those applicants best meeting the preannounced selection criteria. The Selection Panel will include: Three representatives of the economic development practitioner community; one member from academe; three representatives of the Economic Development Administration; and up to two at-large members.

III. Data

OMB Number(s): 0610-0097.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Burden: 150 hours.

Type of Review: Reinstatement of previously-approved collection.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Government and not-for profit organizations.