

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2007 through 2009 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES). The annual survey collects data on fixed assets and depreciation, sales and receipts, capitalized computer software, and capital expenditures for new and used structures and equipment. The ACES is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on actual business spending for non-farm, non-governmental companies, organizations, and associations operating in the United States. Both employer and non-employer companies are included in the survey.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis, the primary Federal user of our annual program statistics, uses these data 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 by industry. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics uses these 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.

Changes from the previous ACES are the collection of capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment in the 2008 ACES, and the incorporation of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in the 2009 ACES.

Capital expenditures by type of structure and type of equipment were last collected from employer companies in the 2003 ACES. These data, collected together once every five years, will again be collected in the 2008 ACES. These data are critical to evaluating the comprehensiveness of capital expenditures statistics in years detailed data on types of structures and equipment are not collected. The detailed structures data will provide a 5-year benchmark for estimates of new construction put in place. The detailed equipment data will provide a periodic measure of expenditures by type of equipment and assist in evaluating estimates of the private equipment and software components of nonresidential fixed investment.

Through the 2008 ACES, data will be based on the 2002 NAICS. Beginning with the 2009 ACES, we will collect and publish data based on the 2007 NAICS.

Industries in the survey will comprise 3-digit and 4-digit 2007 NAICS codes.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will primarily use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial mailing. Companies can respond via a secure facsimile machine by using our toll-free number. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time.

Beginning with the 2006 ACES, we introduced an encrypted Internet Data Collection System (Census Taker) for optional use as a substitute for the paper form mailed to all companies. Census Taker is an electronic version of the paper data collection instrument. It provides improved quality with automatic data checks and is context-sensitive to assist the data provider in identifying potential reporting problems before submission, thus reducing the need for follow-up. Census Taker is completed via the internet eliminating the need for downloading software and increasing the integrity and confidentiality of these data.

The employer companies will be mailed one of three forms based on their diversity of operations and number of industries with payroll. Companies operating in only one industry will receive an ACE-1(S) form. Companies operating 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). All non-employer companies will receive an ACE-2 form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0782.

Form Numbers: ACE-1(S), ACE-1(M), ACE-1(L) and ACE-2.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, self-employed individuals.

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

Estimated Time per Response: The average for all respondents is 2.18 hours. For employer companies completing form ACE-1, the range is 2 to 16 hours, averaging 2.56 hours. For companies completing form ACE-2, the range is less than 1 hour to 2 hours, averaging 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 132,980.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3.3 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 2, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket A(32c)-09-2007]

Foreign-Trade Zone 39-Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX, Subzone 39I, Turbomeca USA, Grand Prairie, TX

A request has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport Board, grantee of FTZ 39, requesting a determination pursuant to Sec. 400.32(c) of the Board's regulations on whether certain activity is within the scope of authority approved under Board Order 1363 establishing Subzone 39I at the Turbomeca USA (Turbomeca) facility in Grand Prairie, Texas.

From 2003 until 2006, the Turbomeca facility was the subject of a focused assessment by CBP. As a result of the assessment, certain foreign components used in the manufacturing process have been reclassified. The activity conducted at the facility, the manufacturing and repair of helicopter engines (duty-free), and the actual foreign components used in the manufacturing process, have not changed. However, the company is now using the following additional

classifications of components: tubes, pipes and hoses of plastic or rubber; flanges, threaded articles of metal; helical spring lock washers; cotters and cotter pins; helical springs; non-threaded copper washers; articles of copper, iron or steel with heads of copper; copper screws, nuts, bolts and washers; stoppers, caps and lids of base metals; electric motors; parts of electric sound or visual signaling apparatus; grounding of electrical circuits; relays; contactors; panel boards and distribution boards; circuit cards; other electric conductors; magnifying/sight glass; articles of aluminum; starter motors; electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits; and, other programmable controllers (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.8%). All bearings will continue to be admitted to the subzone in privileged foreign status. The reclassification has resulted in an increase to the company's zone savings of approximately \$150,000 per year.

Public comment on the request is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 8, 2007. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 23, 2007.

A copy of the request and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: June 29, 2007.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Commercial Service Market Segmentation Study of Moderate U.S. Exporters Survey

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the

continuing information, as required Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 7, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Gary Rand, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; phone number: 202-482-0691; e-mail: Gary.Rand@mail.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In an effort to remain relevant to the marketplace and optimize our respective operations, the Commercial Service (CS), Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), Census Bureau (Census), and Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im) have formed a project team to conduct market segmentation research and analysis. The market segmentation is a systematic approach for identifying clusters of companies with similar needs and behavior, and developing service offerings and sales/marketing approaches targeted at segments with the greatest return of investment. The purpose of this initiative is to gain market knowledge and generate statistically valid characterizations about the needs and buying behavior of exporting companies, with a particular focus on moderate exporters (those U.S. firms that currently export, but on a limited or reactive basis and whose international sales comprise less than 10% of total sales or whose international sales growth is less than 10% per year). From this research, services, pricing, and messaging may be repositioned to address the exporting needs of small and medium-sized businesses.

II. Method of Collection

The CS, MEP, Census, and Ex-Im have contracted with Pacific Consulting Group (PCG) to conduct surveys to gain insight into the attitudes, needs, and behaviors of moderate exporters.

PCG will recruit firms over the phone using lists obtained from third party vendors. Data collection will be conducted during a telephone survey. A telephone survey was chosen over a web

survey for the following reasons: (1) Since no databases of current or potential exporters is available from a governmental agency, PCG will purchase a list from Dun and Bradstreet. The list contains contact information including phone numbers but not e-mail addresses; (2) Firms do not offer e-mail address databases, to obtain e-mail addresses, the addresses must be manually extracted from a firm's Web site; (3) While web surveys are easier to administer and provide a convenient option for the respondent, they do not have as high a completion rate as phone surveys. This is especially true when there is no incentive for the respondent to complete the survey; and (4) The web survey has more potential to be completed by a respondent other than the targeted respondent, *i.e.* there is no way to verify who completed the survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 800.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$0.

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 costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or 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.

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Gwellnar Banks,
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Information Officer.*

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