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(2) A resume providing the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications.

(3) A completed background disclosure form (Form AD-755) signed by the nominee. <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>.

(4) Letters of endorsement are optional.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA policies shall be followed in all appointments to the SRS RACs. To ensure that the recommendations of the SRS RACs have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership will, to the extent practicable, include individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: December 13, 2023.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intent To Reestablish the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership for the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board **AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).**

ACTION: Notice to reestablish the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board and solicit nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (RPA), the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA), the Federal Lands

Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the United States Department of Agriculture announces its intent through its Secretary to reestablish the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board. The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board will advise the Secretary of Agriculture on programmatic forest issues and project level issues that have forest-wide implications. The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board will be governed by the provisions of FACA. Duration of the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board is for two years unless renewed by the Secretary, USDA. This notice also solicits nominations for membership on the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted via email or postmarked 30 days from the date of publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**. Once approved by the Secretary, the charter will be valid on the date of filing by the USDA Committee Management Officer and once the filing requirements are met.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations and resumes to Scott Jacobson, Committee Coordinator, 8221 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Strauss, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 605-673-9201 or email at toni.strauss@usda.gov, or Scott Jacobson, Committee Coordinator, by phone at 605-440-1409 or email at scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.), the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1612), the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 108-447), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish the charter.

Scope and Structure

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, forest health including fire and mountain pine beetle epidemics, travel management, forest monitoring and evaluation, recreation fees, and site-specific projects having forest-wide implications. The Board will meet approximately nine times per year and will attend one summer field tour.

The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board consists of 16 members.

The members represent the following areas of interest:

- Developed outdoor recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use, or commercial recreation
- Economic development
- Energy and mineral development
- Forest products industry
- Nationally recognized sportsmen's group such as anglers or hunters
- Archaeological, cultural, and historical interests
- Nationally recognized environmental organization
- Regionally recognized environmental organization
- Dispersed recreation
- Hold federal grazing permits or other land use permits
- Tribal government elected or appointed official
- Hold state, county, local-elected or appointed office in South Dakota or Wyoming
- State Natural Resource Agency official from South Dakota
- State Natural Resource Agency official from Wyoming

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4. Letters of endorsement are optional.

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Dated: December 12, 2023.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 18, 2023, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Title: Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0008.

Form Number(s): M-3(SD).

Type of Request: Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Average Hours per Response: 20 minutes.

Burden Hours: 20,000.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the currently approved collection for the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey. This survey collects monthly data from domestic manufacturers on Form M-3 (SD), which is mailed at the end of each month. Data requested are shipments, new orders, unfilled orders, and inventories by stage of fabrication. It is currently the only survey that provides broad-based monthly statistical data on the economic conditions in the domestic manufacturing sector. The survey is designed to measure current industrial activity and to provide an indication of future production commitments. The value of shipments measures the value of goods delivered during the month by domestic manufacturers. Estimates of new orders serve as an indicator of future production commitments and represent the current sales value of new orders received during the month, net of cancellations. Substantial accumulation or depletion of backlogs of unfilled orders measures excess (or deficient) demand for manufactured products. The level of inventories, especially in relation to shipments, is frequently used to monitor the business cycle.

The M3 survey has been conducted monthly by the U.S. Census Bureau since 1957. The Advance Report on Durable Goods, Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders is an advance snapshot of the current value of manufacturing in the U.S. It is available about 18 working days after each month. The M3 survey also produces the Full Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders. This report details information on the durable goods industries and includes the non-durable goods industries. In addition, the Full Report captures late receipts, and is available about 23 working days after each month.

In October 2021, we accelerated total manufacturing and the nondurable manufacturing aggregate estimates to the same time as the Advance Report on Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders by creating an advance high-level report of total manufacturing. This exception to the normal procedure was initially approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in September 2021

and has been subsequently extended annually through means of a separately submitted memo. This exception has permitted the public release of preliminary monthly data on shipments and inventories of total manufacturing under the provisions of the OMB's Statistical Policy Directive No. 3 on the Compilation, Release and Evaluation of Principal Federal Economic Indicators. The Census Bureau requests that provisions for the early release of total manufacturing shipments and inventories be included in this clearance, thereby eliminating the need for a separate memo requesting annual re-approval from OMB for the early release. Accelerating the nondurable release provides data users with early access to total manufacturing estimates ahead of the Full Report, giving them an early snapshot of the direction of this critical indicator.

Additionally, in September 2024, we plan to include additional nondurable goods industry level data, to provide more detailed estimates at the advance time.

The M3 survey provides an essential component of the current economic indicators needed for assessing the evolving status of the economy and formulating economic policy. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has designated this survey as a principal federal economic indicator. The shipments and inventories data are essential inputs to the gross domestic product (GDP). The orders data are direct inputs to The Conference Board Leading Economic Index (LEI), which is a composite index of ten key elements designed to monitor the business cycle (<https://www.conference-board.org/data/bcicountry.cfm?cid=1>). The GDP and the LEI would be incomplete without these data. Businesses and consumers generally place orders for durable goods when they are confident the economy is improving. A durable goods report showing an increase in orders is a sign that the economy is trending upwards. Durable goods orders tell investors what to expect from the manufacturing sector, a major component of the economy. The M3 survey also provides valuable and timely domestic manufacturing data for economic planning and analysis to business firms, trade associations, research and consulting agencies, and academia.

The data are used for analyzing short- and long-term trends, both in the manufacturing sector and as related to other sectors of the economy. The data on the value of shipments, especially when adjusted for change in