

IV. Request for Comments

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Dated: December 20, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

E-Government Survey

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 and/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 February 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Poyta, Chief, Census Management Staff, Governments

Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-6800 (301-457-1580).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Title 13, section 182, of the United States Code authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to conduct surveys deemed necessary to furnish annual and other interim current data on the subjects covered by the Census of Governments.

The recent development of public services dubbed "Electronic Government," or "E-Government," is a result of the rapid growth of computer access and the Internet. The emergence of electronic technologies has fueled a significant change in the public sector's manner in conducting its business. Current measures of public activity—established in a period before computers—do not provide gauges of this new and important change. The public sector is a major component of the economy, as both a purchaser and deliverer of goods and services. It is important that our Nation measure this development because the potential effects of this new technology include the promise of greater efficiencies in the delivery of public services, more effective communications between the public and its government, and a wider scope of public services available to more people.

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a survey of state governments in order to begin measuring the scope and effects of this new activity. The survey's broad definition of E-Government includes any government process conducted online, employing computer enabled electronic devices. Title 13, section 182, of the United States Code authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to conduct surveys deemed necessary to furnish annual and other interim current data on the subjects covered by the Census of Governments. This survey concentrates on three different measurable parts of total Information Technology (IT) and E-Government:

- (1) Infrastructure—the costs to governments of providing electronic hardware and software that form the backbone of E-Government, and the personnel and organizational supports for total IT and E-Government;
- (2) Processes—the E-Government interactions of citizens, businesses, and other governments with their governments; and
- (3) Transactions—measurements for these E-Government processes.

The Census Bureau, as the premier national data collection agency, is uniquely situated to measure E-Government. The current Census

Bureau measures of public sector economic activity—used by Federal data analysis agencies such as the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Federal Reserve Board—provide an important basis for making informed policy decisions. The addition of E-Government information will help governmental leaders at all levels formulate policies that will improve our entire governmental system. Other users of these data will be the State and local governments and related organizations, public interest groups, the academic community, and many business, market and private research organizations.

II. Method of Collection

Basic questionnaires will be sent to the primary technology offices within each state, with additional forms, designed for specific types of departments, agencies, and offices, etc., also incorporated. Information from state governments and the District of Columbia will be compiled by office staff from questionnaire responses collected via standard mail and the Internet.

The Census Bureau will also research the feasibility of developing cooperative data sharing and central collection arrangements with the state governments to minimize respondent burden.

Electronic data collection and dissemination will be developed and incorporated.

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: State governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 765 (15 agencies per State government).
Estimated Time Per Response: 6 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,590 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$82,436.40 (\$17.96 per hour*).

* Based upon the 2000 Annual Employment Survey—Average hourly rate for state full-time equivalent employees in financial administration.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Section 182.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

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

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: To give all interested parties an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER 21, 2001–DECEMBER 17, 2001

Firm name	Address	Date Petition accepted	Product
Elessar Enterprises, Inc	P.O. Box 3476, Homer, Alaska 99603.	11/26/01	Fresh whole salmon.
H & H Swiss Screw Machine Products Co., Inc	1478 Chestnut Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205.	11/26/01	Precision turned screw machine components, made of primarily of copper, used in cable TV connectors, automotive parts and toggle switches.
Woodbury Box Company, Inc	301 McIntosh Parkway, Thomaston, GA 30286.	11/26/01	Industrial and commercial floor mop frames.
Arnold's Baskets	11354 South Choctaw Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815.	12/03/01	Wooden baskets.
Cape Cod Doormats of Distinction, Inc	2 C Hinkley Road, Hyannis, MA 02601.	12/03/01	Hand woven polypropylene doormats.
Kannon Motorcycles, L.L.C.	P.O. Box 761, Ketchum, OK 74349	12/03/01	Motorcycles.
Richmond Industries, Inc	1 Chris Court, Dayton, NJ 08810 ...	12/03/01	Non-ferrous castings of bronze, aluminum or metal.
Control Cable, Inc	7261 Ambassador Road, Baltimore, MD 21244.	12/03/01	Cable and cable assemblies used in the computer industry.
Best Tool & Manufacturing Company, Inc	3515 N.E. 33rd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64117.	12/04/01	Plastic blow molds for food containers.
Wayne Engineering Corporation	701 Performance Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.	12/04/01	Garbage truck bodies and truck-mounted cranes.
American Circuit Technology, Inc	6330 East Hunter Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807.	12/05/01	Printed circuit boards.
Tool Components, Inc	240 East Rosecrans Ave., Gardena, CA 90248.	12/05/01	Machined metal products for the semiconductor industry, water filtration equipment, and threaded inserts for various other industries.
Midwest Hanger Company	4312 Clary Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64130.	12/05/01	Wire clothes hangers.
NRL Associates, Inc	112 Log Canoe Circle, Stevensville, MD 21666.	12/07/01	Metal and plastic parts for the hand tools and medical industries.
Stamper Black Hills Gold Jewelry, Inc	7201 S. Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57701.	12/07/01	Gold Jewelry.
American Electric Cable Co., Inc	181 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.	12/12/01	Insulated and coated wire and cables, wire sets and harnesses and cable assemblies.
NMW, Inc	428 North Elm, Nowata, OK 74048	12/13/01	Industrial water filters.
E.H. Hall/Westfield Tanning, Inc	360 Church Street, Westfield, PA 16950.	12/13/01	Leather for shoe and boot soles and saddles for the equestrian industry.
Central Expanded Metal, Inc	1213 North Industrial Road, Chandler, OK 74834.	12/14/01	Expanded metal.
Three M Tool and Machine, Inc	8155 Richardson Road, Walled Lake, MI 48390.	12/14/01	Work holding fixtures, cutting tools and dies.
McCammish Manufacturing Co., Inc	148 Winn Avenue, Winchester, KY 40391.	12/19/01	Wood Products, primarily furniture.
Lake Shore Studios, Inc	4200 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085.	12/20/01	Lamps, lamp shades and frames.