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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

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2030 Census Redistricting Data Program, Commencement of Phase 1: The Block Boundary Suggestion Project

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of program.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the commencement of Phase 1 of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program: The Block Boundary Suggestion Project. Phase 1 specifically provides states the opportunity to supply the Census Bureau with their suggestions for the 2030 Census tabulation block inventory. Suggestions are made by designating the desirability of linear features for use as 2030 Census tabulation block boundaries. In addition, states have the opportunity to submit to the Census Bureau suggested legal boundary updates. These actions allow states to construct some of the small area geography they need for legislative redistricting. State participation in Phase 1 of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program is voluntary.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic submission: Submit electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

1. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter Docket Number USBC–2025–0006 in the search field.

2. Click the “Comment Now!” icon and complete the required fields.

3. Enter or attach your comments.

By email: Comments in electronic form may also be sent to rdo@census.gov.

All comments responding to this document will be a matter of public record. Relevant comments will generally be available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.Regulations.gov>.

The Census Bureau will not accept comments accompanied by a request that part or all the material be treated confidentially for any reason. Therefore, do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive, protected, or personal information, such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Whitehorne, Chief of the Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office, U.S. Census Bureau, ADDC/RVDO, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763–4039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of Public Law 94–171 (13 U.S.C. 141(c)), the Director of the Census Bureau is required to provide the “officers or public bodies with initial responsibility for legislative apportionment or districting of each state . . .” with the opportunity to specify small geographic areas (e.g., tabulation blocks, voting districts) for which they wish to receive decennial census population totals for the purpose of reapportionment and redistricting.

By April 1 of the year following the census, the Secretary of Commerce is required to furnish the state officials or their designees with population counts for standard geographies such as counties, cities, census blocks, and for state-specified congressional districts, legislative districts, and voting districts.

In accordance with the provisions of 13 U.S.C. 141(c), and on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, the Director of the Census Bureau announces the commencement of Phase 1 of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program. The purpose of this notice is to provide further information on the commencement of Phase 1 of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program: The Block Boundary Suggestion Project. Future **Federal Register** notices will address other phases of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program.

The 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program was initially announced on July 9, 2024 (89 FR 56287). The Census Bureau received two sets of comments regarding the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program. One set of comments was determined to be out of scope, and the second set of comments discussed program operations, timing, and past successful activities. Within this set of comments, the first, to send the solicitation for a state non-partisan

liaison letter to the state’s legislative leadership, was implemented. The second comment, to move the timing of the program’s operations from Spring to Fall, was determined to not be feasible for the overall success of the program. This determination was made based on feedback received during the planning phase of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program. Finally, the third comment, to solicit statewide geography layers from the commentator’s state GIS coordinator to update Census Bureau geography, was out of scope for the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program. This recommendation was forwarded to the relevant area of the Census Bureau for consideration.

State participation in the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program under 13 U.S.C. 141 is voluntary. The 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program is partitioned into several phases, as it was in previous decades. Beginning in late 2025, the program will engage each state regarding their voluntary participation in Phase 1, through their newly designated 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program non-partisan liaison(s). The Census Bureau will make available data from its national geospatial database (MAF/TIGER System), the Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS), and the procedures necessary for each state to begin work on Phase 1. States are not required to use the GUPS; however, they are required to provide their Phase 1 submission to the Census Bureau electronically in Census Bureau specified formats. During the submission period, the Census Bureau will provide training in the use of the GUPS and assist the states in understanding the procedures necessary for processing files for their submission. The states will have the opportunity to verify the inclusion of their suggested tabulation block boundary features in the Census Bureau’s MAF/TIGER System as part of Phase 1.

The Census Bureau will continue to communicate with each state to ensure that they are well informed about the benefits of working with the Census Bureau towards a successful 2030 Census. In addition, the Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office will continue to work with each state to ensure they are prepared to participate in all phases of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program. Every state, regardless of their participation in Phase 1, will receive the official redistricting data in Phase 3 of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program as required by Public Law 94–171.

Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, Census Bureau, approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 25, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE–577, Quarterly Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—Transactions of U.S. Reporter With Foreign Affiliate

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of 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: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Amanda Budny, Chief, Direct Transactions and Positions Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email to Amanda.Budny@bea.gov and PRAComments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0608–0004 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 Amanda Budny, Chief, Direct Transactions and Positions Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; via phone at (301) 278–

9154; or via email at Amanda.Budny@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Quarterly Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate (Form BE–577) obtains quarterly data on transactions and positions between U.S.-owned foreign business enterprises and their U.S. parents, except certain private funds. The survey is a sample survey that covers all foreign affiliates above a size-exemption level. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years from similar data reported in the BE–10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is conducted every five years. The data are essential for the preparation of the U.S. international transactions accounts, the national income and product accounts, the input-output accounts, and the international investment position of the United States. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is proposing a change to the BE–577 survey reporting requirements that will reduce respondent burden and increase the efficiency of data collection.

Description of Changes

The proposed change amends the reporting requirements for the BE–577 survey. Specifically, BEA proposes to increase the valuation threshold in the basic requirement for the survey. Currently, a BE–577 form is required for each (1) directly-owned *foreign affiliate* for which total assets; annual sales or gross operating revenue, excluding sales taxes; or annual net income after provision for *foreign income taxes* was greater than \$60 million (positive or negative) at any time during the *affiliate's* fiscal reporting year and each (2) indirectly-owned *foreign affiliate* that met the \$60 million threshold and had an intercompany receivable or payable balance with the *U.S. reporter* that exceeded \$10 million.

BEA proposes to increase the threshold for filing the BE–577 from \$60 million to \$500 million. BEA has determined that this increased threshold on the BE–577 would be sufficient to collect the information necessary to provide data users with insightful statistics measuring the economic impact of these investments. This proposed change would reduce

respondent burden and the BEA resources needed to collect and process these investments.

II. Method of Collection

Notice of specific reporting requirements, including who is to report, the information to be reported, the manner of reporting, and the time and place of filing reports, will be mailed to potential respondents each quarter. Reports are due 30 days after the close of each calendar or fiscal quarter—45 days if the report is for the final quarter of the respondent's financial reporting year. Reports are required from each U.S. person that has a direct and/or indirect ownership interest of at least 10 percent of the voting stock in an incorporated foreign business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated foreign business enterprise, and that meets the additional conditions detailed in Form BE–577. Certain private funds are exempt from reporting. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

Potential respondents are those U.S. business enterprises that reported owning foreign business enterprises in the 2024 benchmark survey of U.S. direct investment abroad, along with entities that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The data collected are sample data. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

BEA offers electronic filing through its eFile system (www.bea.gov/efile) for use in reporting on the BE–577 survey forms. In addition, BEA posts its survey forms and reporting instructions on its website (www.bea.gov/dia).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608–0004.

Form Number: BE–577.

Type of Review: Regular submission, reinstatement without change.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500 U.S. parents filing for 12,700 foreign affiliates per quarter, 50,800 annually.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour is the average but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company structure and complexity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50,800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: International Investment and Trade in Services