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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NOAA Awareness Study.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,192.

Number of Respondents: 3,096.

Average Hours Per Response: Focus groups, 2 hours; web-based surveys, 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Through the recently signed America COMPETES Act ("America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act"), NOAA is charged with developing and promoting education and outreach activities at all levels for the purpose of heightening the public's current understanding of issues related to atmospheric science, the Earth's environment, and protecting life and property.

NOAA proposes to collect information to assess the general public's understanding and awareness of NOAA programs and services, especially as it relates to the collection and dissemination of scientific, operational, and climate data. The immediate collection of information would allow NOAA to implement a tailored approach to programmatic priorities for outreach and communications as effectively as possible. This would improve service for NOAA users and provide the public with warnings and forecasts that save lives and property and better disseminate products/services to aid in emergency preparedness.

To conduct this evaluation, NOAA has contracted with Harmonics International to conduct 3,000 online surveys and 96 two-hour interviews in a three phase research project among the following target audiences: The American public, key NOAA

stakeholders, and other organizations with similar missions. These statistically valid research methodologies will provide NOAA with a complete and accurate assessment of current awareness, perceptions, emotions, and attitudes pertaining to NOAA, its programs, services, and operational data dissemination methods.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: Annual Report from Foreign-Trade Zones

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Christopher J. Kemp, (202) 482-0862, christopher_kemp@ita.doc.gov, fax number (202) 482-0002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Foreign-Trade Zone Annual Report is the vehicle by which Foreign-Trade Zone grantees report annually to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board, pursuant to the requirements of the Foreign Trade Zones Act (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u). The annual reports submitted by grantees are the only complete source of compiled information on FTZ's. The data and information contained in the reports relates to international trade activity in FTZ's. The reports are used by the Congress and the Department to determine the economic effect of the FTZ program. The reports are also used by the FTZ Board and other trade policy officials to determine whether zone activity is consistent with U.S. international trade policy, and whether it is in the public interest. The public uses the information regarding activities carried on in FTZ's to evaluate their effect on industry sectors. The information contained in annual reports also helps zone grantees in their marketing efforts.

II. Method of Collection

The Foreign-Trade Zone Annual Report is collected from zone grantees in paper format. The Foreign-Trade Zones Board is in the process of evaluating possible optional Web-based alternatives to the paper collection method.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625-0109.

Form Number: ITA 359P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 163.

Estimated Time Per Response: 38-211 hours (depending on size and structure of foreign-trade zones).

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 14,594.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$607,350.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance