

EDA's methods for performance measurement and program evaluation necessary in order to ensure transparency, accountability, and effectiveness of EDA investments. The recently passed Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-435) further emphasizes the importance of updating existing methodologies for performance measurement and program evaluation to align with evolving best practices.

EDA proposes revising Forms ED-916, ED-917, and ED-918, which are currently used to collect limited performance information on sponsored activities and resulting outcomes from the grantees receiving assistance under just three of EDA's non-infrastructure programs: Partnership Planning, University Center, and the Trade and Adjustment Assistance for Firms, respectively. The revised Forms ED-916, ED-917, and ED-918 would instead comprehensively cover all of EDA's non-infrastructure programs: Economic Adjustment Assistance (non-infrastructure projects), including new Revolving Loan Funds; Planning, including Partnership Planning; Local Technical Assistance, including University Centers; Build to Scale (formerly Regional Innovation Strategies); Research and National Technical Assistance; and Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms. The data on program-sponsored activities and associated outcomes will be collected on semi-annual and annual bases, respectively.

The revised data collection instruments were developed through cooperative agreements with a number of leading research institutions, most notably SRI International. The methodology and applications for the instruments are described in the *Innovative Metrics for Economic Development report and Toolkit for Economic Development Practitioners* that are available on EDA's website at www.eda.gov/performance/.

EDA does not propose to revise the remaining fourth form under this information collection, Form ED-915, which is used to collect information on infrastructure and existing revolving loan fund (RLF) projects funded through awards from EDA's Public works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Form ED-915 would instead be extended without change; however, EDA plans to revise Form ED-915 in the future to update the information collected on infrastructure projects. Note that all RLF awards made after the implementation of the revised Forms ED-916, ED-917, and ED-918 will be required to report performance

information using those Forms; this requirement may be extended to all RLF awards when Form ED-915 is revised.

Affected Public: State and local governments; Development Organizations; Indian Tribes; Institutions of higher education; and Nonprofit organizations.

Frequency: Semi-annual and Annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

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: Bureau of Industry and Security.

Title: Foreign Availability Procedures.

Form Number(s): N/A.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0004.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 510.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Time per Response: 255 hours.

Needs and Uses: This information is collected in order to respond to requests by Congress and industry to make foreign availability determinations in accordance with Section 768 of the Export Administration Regulations. Exporters are urged to voluntarily submit data to support the contention that items controlled for export for national security reasons are available-in-fact, from a non-U.S. source, in sufficient quantity and of comparable quality so as to render the control ineffective.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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: Bureau of Industry and Security.

Title: Report of Requests for Restrictive Trade Practice or Boycott.

Form Number(s): BIS-621P, BIS-6051P, BIS-6051 P-a.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0012.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,171.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 892.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Needs and Uses: This information is used to monitor requests for participation in foreign boycotts against countries friendly to the U.S. The information is analyzed to note changing trends and to decide upon appropriate action to be taken to carry out the United States' policy of discouraging United States persons from participating in foreign restrictive trade practices and boycotts directed against countries friendly to the United States.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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