

publishes estimates from these two sources in the C50 Series, Expenditures for Residential Improvements and Repairs. These estimates are used by a variety of private businesses and trade associations for marketing studies, economic forecasts, and assessments of the remodeling and construction industries. They also help governments evaluate economic policy. For example, the Bureau of Economic Analysis uses these statistics to develop the structures component of gross private domestic investment in the national income and product accounts.

II. Method of Collection

The universe for this survey is the owners or designated representatives of the more than 40 million rental and vacant housing units in the United States. A sample of these owners, as identified in the Consumer Expenditure Survey, is mailed the SORAR-705 form. They are asked to report detailed alterations, improvement, and repair expenditures for their entire property.

Approximately 4,000 owners are sampled each month. The sample design uses a rotation procedure that replaces one-twelfth of the sample survey each month. The data collected will continue to be adjusted for unreturned or unusable forms by region and metropolitan statistical area (MSA). The weights are adjusted so that sample counts of renter occupied and vacant housing units agree with independently derived controls from the Current Population Survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0130.

Form Number: SORAR-705.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Businesses or Other for Profit, and State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$120,000.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

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

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 14, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket No.: 050617160-5297-02]

Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; COMMERCE/CENSUS-5, Population and Housing Census Records of the 2000 Census Including Preliminary Statistics for the 2010 Decennial Census.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) publishes this notice to announce the effective date of a Privacy Act System of Records notice entitled COMMERCE/CENSUS-5, Population and Housing Census Records of the 2000 Census Including Preliminary Statistics for the 2010 Decennial Census.

DATES: The system of records becomes effective on February 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: For a copy of the system of records please mail requests to Gerald

W. Gates, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233, 301-763-2515.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald W. Gates, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233, 301-763-2515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 11, 2005, the Commerce published and requested comments on a proposed amended Privacy Act System of Records notice entitled COMMERCE/CENSUS-5, Population and Housing Census Records of the 2000 Census Including Preliminary Statistics for the 2010 Decennial Census. No comments were received in response to the request for comments. By this notice, the Department is adopting the proposed system as final without changes effective February 21, 2006.

Dated: February 13, 2006.

Brenda Dolan,

Departmental Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

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

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.

Pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.