

quantifiable, and measurable outcomes that directly and meaningfully support each project's purpose. The outcome measures must define an event or condition that is external to the project and that is of direct importance to the intended beneficiaries and/or the public.

(6) *Goal(s)*. Describe the overall goal(s) in one or two sentences for each project.

(7) *Work Plan*. Explain briefly how each goal and measurable outcome will be accomplished for each project. Be clear about who will do the work. Include appropriate time lines.

Expected measurable outcomes may be long term that exceed the grant period. If so, provide a timeframe when long term outcome measure will be achieved.

(8) *Project Oversight*. Describe the oversight practices that provide sufficient knowledge of grant activities to ensure proper and efficient administration.

(9) *Project Commitment*. Describe how all grant partners commit to and work toward the goals and outcome measures of the proposed project(s).

(10) *Multi-state Projects*. If a project is a multi-state project, describe how the States are going to collaborate effectively with related projects. Each state participating in the project should submit the project in their State plan indicating which State is taking the coordinating role and the percent of the budget covered by each State.

Each State department of agriculture that submits an application that is reviewed and approved by AMS is to receive \$100,000 to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. In addition, AMS will allocate the remainder of the grant funds based on the proportion of the value of specialty crop production in the state in relation to the national value of specialty crop production using the latest available (2005 National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) cash receipt data for the 50 States and the District of Columbia and 2002 Census of Agriculture data for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) specialty crop production data in all states whose applications are accepted.

The amount of the base grant plus value of production available to each State department of agriculture shall be:

- (1) Alabama \$108,926.78
- (2) Alaska \$100,520.67
- (3) Arizona \$133,290.44
- (4) Arkansas \$102,675.16
- (5) California \$652,477.92
- (6) Colorado \$116,139.35
- (7) Connecticut \$107,934.62
- (8) Delaware \$102,403.75
- (9) District of Columbia \$100,000.00
- (10) Florida \$253,750.10

- (11) Georgia \$129,864.25
- (12) Hawaii \$109,201.37
- (13) Idaho \$121,388.06
- (14) Illinois \$111,450.21
- (15) Indiana \$109,567.29
- (16) Iowa \$103,249.43
- (17) Kansas \$102,197.15
- (18) Kentucky \$102,827.56
- (19) Louisiana \$104,950.42
- (20) Maine \$105,806.75
- (21) Maryland \$111,602.37
- (22) Massachusetts \$107,596.35
- (23) Michigan \$136,342.33
- (24) Minnesota \$113,274.97
- (25) Mississippi \$103,626.70
- (26) Missouri \$104,289.46
- (27) Montana \$102,726.15
- (28) Nebraska \$104,133.83
- (29) Nevada \$101,478.01
- (30) New Hampshire \$102,244.91
- (31) New Jersey \$117,036.97
- (32) New Mexico \$108,507.39
- (33) New York \$129,212.32
- (34) North Carolina \$136,155.66
- (35) North Dakota \$109,135.59
- (36) Ohio \$122,689.29
- (37) Oklahoma \$107,188.11
- (38) Oregon \$148,320.35
- (39) Pennsylvania \$128,893.21
- (40) Puerto Rico \$106,053.13
- (41) Rhode Island \$101,417.97
- (42) South Carolina \$110,424.99
- (43) South Dakota \$100,850.02
- (44) Tennessee \$111,629.63
- (45) Texas \$156,488.66
- (46) Utah \$103,135.47
- (47) Vermont \$101,397.90
- (48) Virginia \$111,797.84
- (49) Washington \$182,441.82
- (50) West Virginia \$100,286.87
- (51) Wisconsin \$120,305.36
- (52) Wyoming \$100,695.09

Applicants submitting hard copy applications should submit one unstapled original and one unstapled copy of the application package. The SF-424 must be signed (with an original signature) by an official who has authority to apply for Federal assistance. Hard copy applications should be sent only via express mail to AMS at the address noted at the beginning of this notice because USPS mail sent to Washington, DC headquarters is still being sanitized, resulting in possible delays, loss, and physical damage to enclosures. AMS will send an e-mail confirmation when applications arrive at the AMS office.

Applicants who submit hard copy applications are also encouraged to submit electronic versions of their application directly to AMS via e-mail addressed to [sblockgrants@usda.gov](mailto:sblockgrants@usda.gov) in one of the following formats: Word (\*.doc); or Adobe Acrobat (\*.pdf). Alternatively, a standard 3.5" HD diskette or a CD may be enclosed with the hard copy application.

Applicants also have the option of submitting SCBGP applications electronically through the central

Federal grants Web site, <http://www.grants.gov> instead of mailing hard copy documents. Applicants considering the electronic application option are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the Federal grants Web site and begin the application process well before the application deadline.

SCBGP is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.169 and subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all federally assisted programs.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1621 note.

Dated: September 19, 2006.

**Lloyd C. Day,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### 2007 Economic Census Covering the Manufacturing Sector

**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 November 27, 2006.

**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](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Arminta N. Quash, U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2108, Building #4, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-8189, (or via the Internet at [arminta.n.quash@census.gov](mailto:arminta.n.quash@census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during non-decennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13 United States Code, is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public. The 2007 Economic Census covering the Manufacturing Sector will measure the economic activity for 345,000 manufacturing establishments.

The information collected from companies in the manufacturing sector of the economic census will produce basic statistics by industry for number of establishments, payroll, employment, value of shipments, value added, capital expenditures, depreciation, materials consumed, selected purchased services, electric energy used and inventories held.

Primary strategies for reducing burden in Census Bureau economic data collections are to increase electronic reporting through broader use of computerized self-administered census questionnaires, electronic data interchange, and other electronic data collection methods.

## II. Method of Collection

Establishments included in this collection will be selected from a frame given by the Census Bureau's Business Register. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions; (i) It must be classified in the manufacturing sector; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment company, or it must be an operating single-establishment company with payroll; and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Most establishments will be included in the mail portion of the collection. Forms tailored for the particular kind of business will be mailed to the establishment to be filled out and returned. Establishments not meeting certain cutoffs for payroll will be included in the non-mail portion of the collection. We will use administrative data in lieu of collecting data directly from these establishments.

Mail selection procedures will distinguish several groups of establishments.

Establishment selection to a particular group is based on a number of factors. The more important considerations are the size of the company and whether it is included in the intercensal Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) sample panel. The ASM panel is representative of both large and small establishments from the mail component of the manufacturing census. The ASM sample panel includes approximately 53,000 establishments. The various groups of establishments that will constitute the 2007 Economic Census are outlined below.

### A. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Companies

Selection procedures will assign eligible establishments of multi-establishment companies to the mail components of the universe.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2007 will include the following:

1. ASM sample establishments: 36,000.
2. Non-ASM: 51,000.

### B. Single-Establishment Companies Engaged in Manufacturing Activity With Payroll

As an initial step in the selection process, we will analyze the potential universe for manufacturing. This analysis will produce a set of industry-specific payroll cutoffs that we will use to distinguish large versus small-establishment companies within each industry. This payroll size distinction will affect selection as follows:

1. Large Single-Establishment Companies.

Single-establishment companies having annualized payroll (from Federal administrative records) that equals or exceeds the cutoff for their industry will be assigned to the mail component of the universe.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2007 will include the following:

- a. ASM sample establishments: 17,000.
- b. Non-ASM: 66,000.
2. Small Single-Establishment Companies.

In selected industries, small single-establishment companies that satisfy a particular criteria (administrative record payroll cutoff) will receive a manufacturing short form, which will collect a reduced amount of basic statistics and other essential information that is not available from administrative records.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2007 will include approximately 35,000 companies in this category. This category does not contain ASM establishments.

3. All remaining single-establishment companies with payroll will be represented in the census by data estimated from Federal administrative records. Generally, we do not include these small employers in the census mail canvass.

We estimate that this category for 2007 will include approximately 140,000 manufacturing companies.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* Not Available.

*Form Number:* The forms used to collect information from businesses in this sector of the economic census are tailored to specific business practices and are too numerous to list separately in this notice. You can obtain information on the proposed content at this Web site: <http://www.census.gov/mcd/clearance/census>.

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other for Profit, Not-for-Profit institutions, and Small Business or Organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

ASM .....	53,000
Non-ASM (Long Form) .....	117,000
Non-ASM (Short Form) .....	35,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>205,000</b>

*Estimated Time Per Response:*

ASM .....	5.9 hrs.
Non-ASM (Long Form) .....	3.7 hrs.
Non-ASM (Short Form) .....	2.5 hrs.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 833,100.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$20,552,577.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.  
*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 224.

## 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: September 21, 2006.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### 2007 Economic Census Covering the Mining Sector

**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)).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13, United States Code, is the primary source of facts

about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public. The 2007 Economic Census Covering the Mining Sector (as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)) will measure the economic activity of almost 25,000 mineral establishments.

The information collected from establishments in this sector of the economic census will produce basic statistics for number of establishments, shipments, payroll, employment, detailed supplies and fuels consumed, depreciable assets, inventories, and capital expenditures. It also will yield a variety of subject statistics, including shipments by product line, type of operation, size of establishments and other industry-specific measures.

Primary strategies for reducing burden in Census Bureau economic data collections are to increase electronic reporting through broader use of computerized self-administered census questionnaires, on-line questionnaires and other electronic data collection.

##### II. Method of Collection

Establishments included in this collection will be selected from a frame given by the Census Bureau's Business Register. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) It must be classified in the mining sector; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment firm (including operations under exploration and development), or it must be a single-establishment firm with payroll; and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states, offshore areas, or the District of Columbia. Mail selection procedures will distinguish the following groups of establishments:

###### A. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign all active mineral establishments of multi-establishment firms to the mail component of the universe, except for those in industries classified in the Support Activities for Mining subsector. In these selected industries, where activities are not easily attributable to individual locations or establishments, firms will be asked to report their basic data for several establishments at a nationwide level on a consolidated report form. Approximately seven percent of establishments of multi-

establishment firms will not be required to file separate reports because they will be included in consolidated company reports. We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2007 will include approximately 6,400 establishments of multi-establishment firms.

###### B. Single-Establishment Firms With Payroll

As an initial step in the selection process, we will analyze the universe for mining. The analysis will produce a set of industry-specific payroll cutoffs that we will use to distinguish large versus small single-establishment firms within each industry. This payroll size distinction will affect selection as follows:

###### 1. Large Single-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign large single-establishment firms having annualized payroll (from Federal administrative records) that equals or exceeds the cutoff for their industry to the mail component of the universe. We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2007 will include approximately 6,000 firms in this category. These firms will receive a standard form.

###### 2. Small Single-Establishment Firms

Small single-establishment firms in the crushed stone, sand and gravel, and crude petroleum and natural gas industries, where application of the cutoff for nonmail establishments results in a larger number of small establishments included in the mail canvass, will receive a short form. The short form will collect basic statistics and other essential information that is not available from administrative records.

The short form will be mailed to approximately 2,600 single-establishment firms in these industries which are larger than the nonmail cutoff for their industry, but which have annual payroll under a certain criteria. In terms of employment, this criteria will identify establishments with approximately 5 to 19 employees.

The approximately 10,000 remaining single-establishment firms with payroll will be represented in the census by data from Federal administrative records.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* Not available.

*Form Number:* The forms used to collect information from businesses in this sector of the economic census are tailored to specific business practices and are too numerous to list separately in this notice. You can obtain information on the proposed content at