

Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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, e-mail address, David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov, or fax number, (202) 395-7285.

Dated: March 1, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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 of the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Advanced Technology Program (ATP).

Form Number(s): NIST-1262 and NIST-1263.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0009.

Type of Review: Emergency.

Burden Hours: 32,000.

Number of Respondents: 800.

Average Hours per Response: 40.

Needs and Uses: The ATP is a competitive cost sharing program designed to assist United States businesses pursue high-risk, enabling technologies with the potential for significant commercial payoff and widespread benefits for the nation. The ATP provides multi-year funding through the use of cooperative agreements to single companies and to industry-led joint ventures. In order to participate, proposals must be submitted addressing the ATP selection criteria. The information is used to perform the requisite technical, business, and budgetary reviews of the proposals to determine if awards should be granted.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, educational institutions, not-for-profit institutions, individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

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 by March 28, 2007 to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Quarterly Financial Report

ACTION: Proposed information 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 May 7, 2007.

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(s) and instructions should be directed to Yolando M. St. George, U.S. Census Bureau, HQ-6K181, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 763-6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is planning to resubmit to the Office of Management and Budget for approval, the Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) Program

information collection forms. In an effort to reduce the reporting burden for the QFR, the Census Bureau has consolidated two of its forms into one and eliminated form QFR 103 (NB). The QFR forms submitted for approval are: QFR 200 (MT) which consolidates the QFR 101 (MG) and QFR 102 (TR) long forms; and QFR 201 (MG), which is the renumbered QFR 101A (MG) short form. The eliminated form, QFR 103 (NB), was a classification form used to determine the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industry of respondents. The QFR is now using other sources available to the Census Bureau for classification.

The QFR Program has published up-to-date aggregate statistics on the financial results and position of U.S. corporations since 1947. The QFR is a principal economic indicator that also provides financial data essential to the calculation of key Government measures of national economic performance. The importance of this data collection is reflected by the granting of specific authority to conduct the program in Title 13 of the United States Code, Section 91, which requires that financial statistics of business operations be collected and published quarterly. Public Law 109-79 extended the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the QFR Program under Section 91 through September 30, 2015.

The current scope of the QFR includes corporations in the Mining, Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade, and Retail Trade sectors. The main purpose of the QFR is to provide timely, accurate data on business financial conditions for use by Government and private-sector organizations and individuals. The primary public users are U.S. Governmental organizations with economic policymaking responsibilities. In turn, these organizations play a major role in providing guidance, advice, and support to the QFR Program. The primary private-sector data users are a diverse group including universities, financial analysts, unions, trade associations, public libraries, banking institutions, and U.S. and foreign corporations.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will primarily use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the QFR data discussed in this notice. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 25 days of the end of the quarter for which the data are being requested. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to companies in the survey sample that have not responded by the designated