

collections of business expenses data conducted every fifth year since 1977, and since 1958 on a more limited basis. Data collected by the BES on business operating expenses will complement data on sales, merchandise purchases, and inventories compiled in the two mentioned annual surveys. (Data on operating expenses of other industries are compiled in other Census Bureau programs.) Together these sample-based data are benchmarked to the main economic census and are used to compile economic measures such as value added. The collection of business expenses data is required for reliable measurement of the United States economy. As such, the BEA, producer of gross domestic product (GDP) estimates, is the primary user. The BEA uses the expenses data for developing the national income and product accounts, input-output tables, and economic indexes, and to fill previously identified critical gaps in underlying data in these accounts.

Industrial sectors covered by the BES include wholesale distributors, retail trade, and accommodation and food services, as based on the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The samples used in this data collection consist of employer firms in the covered industries within the U.S. whose probability of selection is determined by sales size.

The information collected will produce statistics by kind of business on operating expenses such as labor costs, depreciation, rent, materials and supplies, utilities, and purchased services such as advertising, repairs, computer services, and professional and technical services. The primary strategy for minimizing respondent burden is the use of sampling; supplementing the Bureau's business annual surveys as the data collection vehicle; optional electronic reporting; and providing for respondents' use of carefully prepared estimates if their book figures are not readily available.

## II. Method of Collection

The 2007 BES supplements the Census Bureau's annual surveys of retail trade and wholesale distributors, which are conducted using both the Internet with CensusTaker software and mailout/mailback procedures. Most multi-location companies included in the samples will receive a separate annual/BES report form to consolidate their data for each unique kind of business operated. Only employer businesses will be mailed.

Data for non-employers for retail and accommodation and food service industries will be estimated based on

administrative records. The questionnaires along with instructions for Internet reporting will be mailed from the Census Bureau's National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Three periodic mail follow-ups and a telephone follow-up will be conducted in conjunction with the annual surveys. These follow-ups will minimize statistical error due to nonresponse. In addition, responses will be accepted via Fax.

The BES response data will be edited and reviewed, and individual respondents contacted when necessary for clarification of questionable responses.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None. All of the forms to be used to collect information for the BES are associated with the concurrent business annual surveys of wholesale distributors and retail trade.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Incorporated and non-incorporated employer businesses in the U.S. classified as retail trade, wholesale distributors, or accommodation and food services.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 28,541.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2.7 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 77,060.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Respondents:* The total cost to respondents is estimated to be \$2.4 million based on an hourly salary rate of \$30.93 for entry level accountants and auditors multiplied by the annual response burden of 77,060 hours to complete the form.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 193, 195, 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: March 23, 2007.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Advocacy Quality Assurance Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed collection renewal; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. *E-mail:* [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Joseph Carter, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; *Phone number:* (202) 482-3342; *E-mail:* [joseph.carter@mail.doc.gov](mailto:joseph.carter@mail.doc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The International Trade Administration's U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) is mandated by Congress to help U.S. businesses, particularly small and medium-sized companies, export their products and services to global markets.

As part of its mission, the U.S. Commercial Service conducts user satisfaction surveys to collect feedback from the U.S. business clients it serves. These surveys ask the client to evaluate the U.S. Commercial Service on its customer service provision. The results from the surveys are used to make improvements to the agency's business

processes in order to provide better and more effective export assistance to U.S. companies.

The purpose of the survey is to collect feedback from U.S. businesses that receive advocacy services from the U.S. Commercial Service. In providing these services, the U.S. Commercial Service advocates on behalf of a U.S. company that is bidding on a project or government contract, trying to recover payment or goods, or facing a barrier to market entry.

## II. Method of Collection

Form ITA-4152P is sent to U.S. companies that receive advocacy assistance from the U.S. Commercial Service.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0251.

Form Number: ITA-4152P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: U.S. companies who receive advocacy services from USCS international posts.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 390.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 65 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$2,275.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for 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 costs) 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 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: March 23, 2007.

### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

**AGENCY:** NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Decision of Panel.

**SUMMARY:** On March 22, 2007, the binational panel issued its decision in the review of the final determination made by the International Trade Commission, respecting Oil Country Tubular Goods from Mexico Final Results of the Sunset Review, Secretariat File No. USA-MEX-2001-1904-06. The binational panel affirmed the Commission's Sunset Review Determination. Copies of the panel decision are available from the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of the final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter has been conducted in accordance with these Rules.

**Panel Decision:** The Panel affirmed the Commission's determination and instructed the Secretariat to issue a Notice of Final Panel Action at the appropriate time under the NAFTA Panel Rule 77(1).

Dated: March 23, 2007.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Determination under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR Agreement); Correction

March 26, 2007.

In the notice published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 2007 (72 FR 7957), in column 3 on the first line of the table under "**Specifications**", please change the number "5515.11.10" to read "5515.11.00"

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of the Military Health Care; Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs); DoD.

**ACTION:** Amendment to notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), the Department of Defense announces an amendment to the March 9, 2007 meeting notice for the Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of the Military Health Care.

On Friday, March 9, 2007 (72 FR 10717), the Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of the Military Health Care announced that its March 28, 2007 meeting would conduct an open meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The March 9th **Federal Register** notice also indicated that the Task Force would hold an administrative work meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15, and a preparatory work meeting from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.