

environmental laws and regulations and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in the RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794).

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

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

*Title:* BEES Please.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0036.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 1,875.

*Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 62 hours and 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability (BEES) Please is a voluntary program to collect data from product manufacturers to scientifically evaluate their products' environmental performance using the BEES software. These data include product-specific materials use, energy consumption, waste, and environmental releases. BEES evaluates these data, translates them into decision-enabling results, and delivers them in a visually intuitive graphical format.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk

Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806 or via the Internet at [Jasmeet\\_K\\_Seehra@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 080125088-8090-01]

#### Program Announcement for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. As part of this mission, EDA administers the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF) Program under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, through a national network of eleven Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (each, a TAAC) to provide technical assistance to firms that have lost domestic sales and employment due to increased imports of similar or competitive goods. This program announcement applies only to the current eleven EDA-funded TAACs, and provides information necessary to clarify the requirements for operating and providing technical assistance to trade-impacted firms as a TAAC under a cooperative agreement with EDA for fiscal years 2008-2010. This notice does not solicit new applications for TAAC operators.

**DATES:** A current TAAC that wishes to apply for federal financial assistance for the three-year project period for fiscal years 2008-2010 must submit an application to EDA at least 30 days before the expiration date of the TAAC's 2005-2007 cooperative agreement. EDA will amend currently active cooperative agreements as necessary to ensure that each TAAC that wishes to apply will have at least 30 days to complete the application requirements set out in this program announcement. EDA's TAAF Program Officer will hold a teleconference during the week of February 11, 2008 for all current TAACs to address questions about this program

announcement. The exact date, time, registration requirements, and protocols for the call will be announced to all participants in advance of the teleconference.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for federal financial assistance may be submitted in either paper format or electronic format, in accordance with the procedures provided in this program announcement. The content of the application is the same for both paper and electronic submissions. EDA will not accept facsimile transmissions of applications.

The eleven TAACs may obtain paper application packages by contacting the designated point of contact listed below under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or by downloading the required forms from EDA's Web site at [www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Preapp.xml](http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Preapp.xml).

*Paper Submissions:* A complete, signed original application may be sent via postal mail, shipped overnight or hand-delivered to EDA headquarters at the following address: William P. Kittredge, Ph.D., Program Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7009, Washington, DC 20230.

*Electronic Submissions:* A complete, electronically signed original application may be e-mailed to [taac@eda.doc.gov](mailto:taac@eda.doc.gov) with the subject line "[Insert full name of TAAC] FY 2008 application."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or for a paper copy of the application package, please contact William P. Kittredge, Ph.D., Program Officer, at [taac@eda.doc.gov](mailto:taac@eda.doc.gov) or at 202-482-4122.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Program Information:* EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. One of EDA's economic development tools is the TAAF Program under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341-2355, 2391) (Trade Act). The goal of the TAAF Program is to identify firms that have been negatively impacted by import competition and assist these firms to become competitive in the global economy, thereby creating or retaining domestic jobs.

Each TAAC is staffed by trade adjustment assistance professionals that help U.S. production and manufacturing firms apply for certification under the Trade Act. The TAAC assists the firm in completing and submitting to EDA a