

either the manufacturing industry or energy suppliers to the manufacturing industry to participate in the Roundtable. To be considered for participation, applicants should provide information regarding their qualifications to participate in the event and to make a valuable contribution based on their experiences regarding the topics to be discussed as identified in the Summary above. As space for this event is limited to 50 persons representing the private sector, DOC wishes to ensure broad coverage of industry sectors. Applicants will be notified of their selection to participate by October 16, 2009.

Dated: September 22, 2009.

Cheryl McQueen,

Acting Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

ACTION: Notice.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before December 7, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 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 Chris Savage, U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 7K071, Washington, DC 20233-6913, (301) 763-4834, or (via the Internet at John.C.Savage@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey collects monthly data on shipments, inventories, and new and unfilled orders from manufacturing companies. The orders, as well as the shipments and inventory data, are valuable tools for analysts of business cycle conditions, including members of the Council of Economic Advisers, the Treasury Department, and the business community.

The monthly M3 Survey estimates are based on a relatively small sample and reflect primarily the month-to-month changes of large companies. There is a clear need for periodic benchmarking of the M3 estimates to reflect the manufacturing universe. The Annual Survey of Manufacturers (ASM) provides annual benchmarks for the shipments and inventory data in this monthly survey. There is no benchmark for unfilled orders. The U.S. Census Bureau plans a reinstatement to an expired collection "Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders (M3) Supplement: 2006-2007 Unfilled Orders Benchmark Survey," to be renamed the "Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey." Over the life of the M3 Survey, there have been four surveys specifically designed to collect unfilled orders. These surveys were conducted in 1976, 1986, 2000, and 2008. After analyzing the results of the 2008 survey, the Census Bureau ascertained the need for an ongoing data collection of unfilled orders data annually.

The Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey will be used as a benchmark for the M3 Survey each year. The Census Bureau will use these data to develop universe estimates of unfilled orders as of the end of the calendar year and adjust the monthly M3 data on unfilled orders to these levels on the NAICS basis. The benchmarked unfilled orders levels will be used to derive estimates of new orders received by manufacturers. The survey data will also be used to determine whether it is necessary to collect unfilled orders data for specific industries on a monthly basis; some industries are not requested to provide unfilled orders data on the M3 Survey.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of receipt. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by

the designated time. Telephone follow-up will be conducted to obtain response from delinquent companies.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0561.

Form Number: MA-3000.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses, large and small, or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Time per Response: .50 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$94,950.

Respondents Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 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: September 30, 2009.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Construction Progress Reporting Survey

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ACTION: Notice.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael Davis, U.S. Census Bureau, 7K081, Washington, DC 2033–6900, (301) 763–1605 (or via the Internet at michael.davis@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of a currently approved collection for forms C–700, Private Construction Projects; C–700(R), Multifamily Residential Projects; and C–700(SL), State and Local Government Projects. These forms are used to conduct the Construction Progress Reporting Surveys (CPRS) to collect information on the dollar value of construction put in place by private companies, individuals, private multifamily residential buildings, and state and local governments.

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. The Form C–700, Private Construction Projects, collects construction put in place data for nonresidential projects owned by private companies or individuals. The Form C–700(R), Multifamily Residential Projects, collects construction put in place data for private multifamily residential buildings. The Form C–700(SL), State and Local Government Projects, collects construction put in place data for state and local government projects.

The Census Bureau uses the information from these surveys to publish the value of construction put in place series. Published estimates are used by a variety of private business and trade associations to estimate the demand for building materials and to schedule production, distribution, and sales efforts. They also provide various

government agencies with a tool to evaluate economic policy and to measure progress towards established goals. For example, Bureau of Economic Analysis staff use data to develop the construction components of gross private domestic investment in the gross domestic product. The Federal Reserve Board and the Department of the Treasury use the value in place data to predict the gross domestic product, which is presented to the Board of Governors and has an impact on monetary policy.

II. Method of Collection

An independent systematic sample of projects is selected each month according to predetermined sample rates. Once a project is selected, it remains in the sample until completion of the project. Preprinted forms are mailed monthly to respondents to fill in current month data and any revisions to previous months. Some respondents are later called by a Census interviewer and report data over the phone. Having the information available from a database at the time of the interview greatly helps reduce the time respondents spend on the phone. Interviews are scheduled at the convenience of the respondent, which further reduces their burden.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0153.

Form Number: C–700, C–700(R), C–700(SL).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, Businesses or Other for Profit, Not-for-Profit Institutions, Small Businesses or Organizations, and State and Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: C–700 = 6,500.

C–700(R) = 1,500.

C–700(SL) = 10,500.

TOTAL = 18,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 to 15 minutes per month.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 48,100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1.5 million.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., 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.

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Dated: September 30, 2009.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Amendment of Date for Trade Mission to Algeria and Libya, February 17–22, 2010

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment and extension of deadline, of **Federal Register** March 11, 2009, Volume 74, Number 46.

Mission Statement

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service has rescheduled the Trade Mission to Algiers, Algeria, and Tripoli, Libya, from November 4–8, 2009, to February 17–22, 2010. The Department of Commerce will accept additional applications for this mission through November 12, 2009. A maximum of 12 additional companies will be selected to participate in the mission from the new applicant pool. Companies previously selected to participate in this mission need not reapply.

Proposed Timetable

Tuesday, February 16

Arrive in Algiers, Algeria
Optional no-host dinner

Wednesday, February 17

Market briefing
One-on-one business appointments
U.S. Embassy reception

Thursday, February 18

One-on-one business appointments
Meetings with government and industry officials

Friday, February 19

Cultural site visits

Saturday, February 20

Travel from Algiers to Tripoli, Libya