

longer than five years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 79(f) of the USGSA.

**Areas Open for Designation**

*State of Georgia*

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area in the State of Georgia is assigned to this official agency.

In Georgia

The entire State, except those export port locations within the State, which are serviced by GIPSA.

**Opportunity for Designation**

Interested persons or governmental agencies may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 79(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196. Designation in the specified geographic area in Georgia is for the period beginning July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2022. To apply for designation or to request more information, contact Sharon Lathrop at the address listed above.

**Request for Comments**

We are publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by the Georgia

official agency. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the designation of the applicant. Submit all comments to Sharon Lathrop at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)). We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicants will be designated.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

**Randall D. Jones,**

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)**

**Designation for the Decatur, IN Area**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA is announcing the designation of Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (Northeast Indiana) to provide official services under the

United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

**DATES:** Effective January 1, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Sharon Lathrop, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sharon Lathrop, 816–891–0415, [Sharon.L.Lathrop@usda.gov](mailto:Sharon.L.Lathrop@usda.gov) or [FGIS.QACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGIS.QACD@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the December 12, 2016, **Federal Register** (81 FR 89428), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic area presently serviced by Northeast Indiana. Applications were due by January 11, 2017.

The current official agency, Northeast Indiana, was the only applicant for designation to provide official services in this area. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Northeast Indiana is qualified to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2016. This designation to provide official services in the specified area of Northeast Indiana is effective January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2021.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting this agency at the following telephone number:

| Official agency         | Headquarters location and telephone | Designation start | Designation end |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Northeast Indiana ..... | Decatur, IN 260–341–7497 .....      | 1/1/2017          | 12/31/2021      |

Section 79(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)). All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**Randall D. Jones,**

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Census Bureau**

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2017–2019 Company Organization Survey**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

**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.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [PRAccomments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAccomments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Carrie Hill, Economic Statistical Methods Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 5H069, Washington, DC 20233–6100 (or by email at [Carrie.Anne.Hill@census.gov](mailto:Carrie.Anne.Hill@census.gov))

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR)

database. In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-location companies.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and name and address information.
- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP publications present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, island areas, counties, and country-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

## II. Method of Collection

The 2017–2019 COS collection strategy will focus on electronic reporting as the standard collection option. The Census Bureau will conduct the 2017 COS in conjunction with the 2017 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections to minimize response burden. The consolidated COS/census mail canvass will direct inquiries to the entire universe of multi-location enterprises that comprises roughly 164,000 parent companies and more than 1.6 million establishments. Additional COS inquiries will apply to the 15,000 multi-unit establishments classified in industries that are out-of-scope of the economic census.

The 2018–2019 COS will request company-level information from a selection of multi-establishment enterprises, which comprise roughly 42,000 parent companies and more than 1.4 million establishments. Additionally, the panel will include approximately 5,000 large single-location companies that may have added locations during the year.

Electronic reporting will be available to all 2017–2019 COS respondents. Companies will receive and return responses by secure Internet transmission. The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by domestic or foreign parent, ownership of foreign affiliates, leased employment and cooperative organization. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classification, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll and annual payroll. Beginning with the 2017 collection, a new question regarding cooperative organization status will be included in the instrument but respondents will no longer receive inquiries pertaining to the Enterprise Statistics Program as the program has been suspended.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0607–0444.

*Form Number(s):* NC–99001 (for multi-establishment enterprises during 2017–2019) and NC–99007 (for single-location companies during 2018–2019).

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 164,000 for 2017 and 47,000 per year for 2018–2019.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.44 hours for 2017 and 3.4 hours for 2018–2019.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 72,160 hours for 2017 and 159,800 hours for 2018–2019.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 131 and 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.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*PRA Departmental Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### 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:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Monthly Wholesale Trade

Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607–0190.

*Form Number(s):* SM4217–A, SM4217–E.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,200.

*Average Hours per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 5,880.

*Needs and Uses:* The Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS) canvasses firms primarily engaged in merchant wholesale trade that are located in the United States, excluding manufacturers' sales branches and offices (MSBOs). This survey provides the only continuous measure of monthly wholesale sales, end-of-month inventories, and inventories-to-sales ratios. The sales and inventories estimates produced from the MWTS provide current trends of economic activity by kind of business for the United States. Also, the estimates compiled from this survey provide valuable information for economic policy decisions by the government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and other business research and analysis organizations.

Estimates from the MWTS are released in three different reports each month. High level aggregate estimates for end-of-month inventories are first released as part of the Advance Economic Indicators Report. Second, the full Monthly Wholesale Trade Report containing both sales and