

White House, in 2006, issued the American Competitiveness Initiative to “increase investments in research and development, strengthen education, and encourage entrepreneurship.” In support of this initiative and in response to legislative mandates, data on R&D are delivered to OSTP, primarily in the biennial National Science Board report *Science and Engineering Indicators*. Also, the National Science Foundation (NSF) produces a series of publications containing R&D data including the *National Patterns of R&D Resources* series, the *S&E State Profile* series, and the annual *Business R&D and Innovation* series. Special reports and other publications are also prepared.

II. Method of Collection

The BRDS will follow a primarily electronic collection strategy. The BRD-1 form will be available on the website to assist respondents with gathering the required data prior to reporting online. Paper forms will also be sent to respondents upon request, however no paper forms will be included in initial mail packets. The online survey automatically skips questions that do not apply [based on previous responses] and checks for common errors. Links to detailed question-by-question instructions will be embedded in the electronic instrument. Excel spreadsheets are available to facilitate the electronic collection of information from various areas of the companies. Respondents have the capability to download the spreadsheets from the Census Bureau’s website. A consolidator spreadsheet is also available to assist companies that need to gather information from business units and then compile the information into one company report.

The due date will be six weeks after mail out.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0912.

Form Number: BRD-1.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: All domestic, non-farm, for-profit (public or private) businesses with at least 10 paid employees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 3.3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 148,600.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$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.

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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: Events and Efforts Supporting National Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week.

OMB Control Number: #0693-XXXX. New information collection.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 500 annual respondents.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 83 hours annually.

Needs and Uses: This collection is necessary to support the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Strategic Plan objective to increase cybersecurity career awareness. The collection of information will allow the public a compiled list of events and opportunities to learn about cybersecurity careers. Doing so will provide a resource for potential

attendees, extend the reach of programs and efforts, and encourage more individuals and organizations to get involved in National Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Procedures for Submitting Request for Exclusions From the Section 232 National Security Adjustments of Imports of Aluminum and Steel

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: Bureau of Industry and Security.

Title: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Procedures for Submitting Request for Exclusions from the Section 232 National Security Adjustments of Imports of Aluminum and Steel

Form Number(s): N/A.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0139.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 344,532.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 86,133.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information supports Presidential Proclamations 9704 *Adjusting Imports of Aluminum into the United States* and 9705 *Adjusting Imports of Steel into the United States*. On March 8, 2018, the President issued Proclamations 9704 and 9705 concurring with the findings