DATES: Comments must be received by December 31, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by emailing Evidence@bea.gov. Begin with the phrase “Comments for the Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building:” and indicate which section(s) of the report your comments address. Comments by fax or paper delivery will not be accepted.

Privacy Note: Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites. Therefore, commenters should only include information they wish to make publicly available on the internet. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

Please note the confidentiality of routine communication and responses to this public comment request are treated as public comments and may therefore be made publicly available, notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gianna Marrone, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Road (BE-64), Suitland, MD 20746; phone (301) 278–9282; email Evidence@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Request for Comments

The Advisory Committee submitted its first-year report to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget on October 29, 2021. The report is also available publicly on the Advisory Committee’s website. The report summarizes the Committee’s first-year activities and resulting findings, laying out a vision for a National Secure Data Service and the future of data sharing, data linkages, and privacy enhancing techniques across Federal agencies and with state and local governments. The report describes recommended actions that can be taken today to build towards that vision while also articulating the path that the Committee intends to take across the next year to further develop recommendations for implementing the vision.

Over the past 12 months, the Committee has engaged in extensive fact-finding, including examining the recommendations of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking and the implications of their partial implementation through the Evidence Act; leveraging the expertise of its members; hearing from researchers, government leaders, other experts, and the public; conducting virtual site visits to existing data facilities; and beginning to collaboratively synthesize the different perspectives and use cases into a coherent understanding of the current state and future needs for the use of data for evidence building. The Committee members recognize their efforts as a work-in-progress that will continue across the next 12 months.

This request for comments offers researchers, evaluators, contractors, government entities, and other interested parties the opportunity to inform the Committee’s second-year plans. This is a general solicitation of comments from the public. The FRN commentors may respond to any section of the report. Please clearly indicate which section(s) of the report you address in your response and provide evidence to support assertions, where practicable.


Alyssa Holdren,
Designated Federal Official, Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Economic Analysis

Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary for Economic Affairs requests nominations of individuals to the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (FESAC). The Under Secretary for Economic Affairs in coordination with the Directors of the Department’s statistical agencies, the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as the Commissioner of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics will consider nominations received in response to this notice, as well as from other sources. The SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice provides Committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Nominations for the FESAC will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations by email to Gianna.marrone@bea.gov (subject line “FESAC Nomination”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gianna Marrone, Committee Management Official, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, telephone 301–278–9282, email: gianna.marrone@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2). The following provides information about the Committee, membership, and the nomination process.

Objectives and Scope of FESAC Activities

The Committee advises the Directors of the Department’s statistical agencies, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as the Commissioner of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on statistical methodology and other technical matters related to the design, collection, tabulation, and analysis of federal economic statistics.

Description of the FESAC Member Duties

The Committee functions solely as an advisory committee to the senior officials of BEA, the Census Bureau, and BLS (the agencies). Important aspects of the committee’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

a. Recommending research to address important technical problems arising in federal economic statistics
b. Identifying areas in which better coordination of the agencies’ activities would be beneficial

c. Exploring ways to enhance the agencies’ economic indicators to make them timelier, more accurate, and more specific to meeting changing demands and future data needs;

d. Improving the means, methods, and techniques to obtain economic information needed to produce current and future economic indicators; and

e. Coordinating, in its identification of agenda items, with other existing academic advisory committees chartered to provide agency-specific advice, for the purpose of avoiding duplication of effort.

The Committee meets once or twice a year, budget permitting. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs or the Designated Federal Official. All Committee meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

FESAC Membership

FESAC will comprise approximately 16 members who serve at the pleasure
of the Secretary. Members shall be appointed by the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs in consultation with the agencies. Committee members shall be professionals in appropriate disciplines, including economists, statisticians, survey methodologists, computer scientists, data scientists, and behavioral scientists who are experts in their fields, recognized for their scientific, professional, and operational achievements and objectivity.

Membership will represent data users with expertise from the public sector, academia, and the private sector.

Members will be chosen to achieve a balanced membership that will meet the needs of the agencies.

Members shall serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and shall be subject to ethics rules applicable to SGEs.

A FESAC member term is three years.

Members may serve more than one term as described in the FESAC Charter, available at: https://apps.bea.gov/fesac/.

Compensation for Members

Members of the Committee serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for Committee-related travel and lodging expenses.

Solicitation of Nominations

The Committee is currently filling one or more positions on the FESAC.

The Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, in consultation with the agencies, will consider nominations of all qualified individuals to ensure that the Committee includes the areas of experience noted above. Individuals may nominate themselves or other individuals, and professional associations and organizations may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Committee.

Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member and carry out the duties of the Committee. A nomination package should include the following information for each nominee:

1. A letter of nomination stating the name, affiliation, and contact information for the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., what specific attributes recommend the nominee for service in this capacity), and the nominee’s field(s) of experience
2. A biographical sketch of the nominee
3. A copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae; and
4. The name, return address, email address, and daytime telephone number at which the nominator can be contacted.

The Committee aims to have a balanced representation among its members, considering such factors as geography, age, sex, race, ethnicity, technical expertise, community involvement, and knowledge of programs and/or activities related to FESAC. Individuals will be selected based on their expertise in or representation of specific areas as needed by FESAC.

All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package. Interested applicants should send their nomination package to Gianna Marrone, Committee Management Official, at Gianna.Marrone@bea.gov (subject line “FESAC Nomination”).


Sabrina L. Montes,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–57–2021]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 75—Phoenix, Arizona; Authorization of Production Activity; VIAVI Solutions, Inc. (Optically Variable Pigments); Chandler, Arizona

On July 29, 2021, VIAVI Solutions, Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within FTZ 75, in Chandler, Arizona.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (86 FR 44345, August 12, 2021). On November 26, 2021, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board’s decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: November 26, 2021.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[C–122–858]

Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada: Final Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2019

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that producers and exporters of certain softwood lumber products (softwood lumber) from Canada received countervailable subsidies during the period of review, January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Hall-Eastman (Canfor), John Hoffner (JDIL), Kristen Johnson/Samuel Brummitt (Resolute), and Laura Griffith (West Fraser), AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401