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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alabama

**AGENCY:** Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Alabama, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Alabama for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Alabama to issue conservation practice standards, Dry Hydrant (Code 712) and Manure Transfer (Code 634).

**DATES:** Comment will be received for a 30-day period commencing February 17, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to Ronnie D. Murphy, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 665 Opelika Rd., P.O. Box 311, Auburn, AL 36830. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Alabama will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Alabama regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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 the Census.

**Title:** 1997 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and 1997 Survey of Women-owned Business Enterprises (SWOBE).

**Form Number(s):** MB-1, MB-2.

**Agency Approval Number:** None.

**Type of Request:** New collection.

**Burden:** 416,666 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 2,500,000.

**Avg Hours Per Response:** 10 minutes.

**Needs and Uses:** The Census Bureau requests clearance for the 1997 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and the 1997 Survey of Women-Owned Business Enterprises (SWOBE). These surveys are the only comprehensive, regularly collected sources of information on businesses owned by minorities and women. They are conducted as part of the economic census program which is taken every 5 years.

A sample of U.S. Businesses will be asked questions about the gender, race, and ethnicity of the person(s) owning majority interest in the business. The data are needed to evaluate the extent and growth of business ownership by minorities and women in order to provide a framework for assessing and directing Federal, state and local government programs designed to promote the activities of disadvantaged groups.

The SMOBE/SWOBE surveys have been expanded to include all corporations in their sampling frame. In 1992, only subchapter S corporations in addition to partnerships and sole proprietorships were included for SMOBE. A small sample of "C" corporations was included in SWOBE to provide estimates at the industry division level only. A subchapter S corporation is a special IRS designation for a legally incorporated business with 35 or fewer shareholders who elect to be taxed as individual shareholders rather than as a corporation. Approximately 2.5 million "C" corporations, accounting for 75 percent of all U.S. business receipts, were not included in 1992. A "C" corporation is a legally incorporated business under state laws which, unlike a subchapter S corporation, has no restrictions on the number of shareholders required to

qualify. While adding these corporations to the 1997 program will increase overall respondent burden, their inclusion will provide more complete coverage of women- and minority-owned businesses.

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

**Frequency:** Every 5 years.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131, 193, and 224.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 980209032-8032-01]

#### Annual Surveys in Manufacturing Area

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** In conformity with Title 13, United States Code (Sections 61, 131, 182, 224, and 225), I have determined that annual data to be derived from the surveys listed below are needed to aid the efficient performance of essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy M. Dodds, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 457-4587.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau is authorized to take

surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code. These surveys will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing for the period between economic censuses. The latest economic censuses will be conducted for 1997. The data collected in these surveys will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

#### Annual Current Industrial Reports

Most of the following commodity or product surveys provide data on shipments or production; some provide data on stocks, unfilled orders, orders booked, consumption, and so forth. Reports will be required of all or a sample of establishments engaged in the production of the items covered by the following list of surveys.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, these surveys have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Numbers 0607-0392, 0607-0395, 0607-0476, and 0607-0625.

MA20D—Confectionery  
MA22F—Yarn Production  
MA22K—Knit Fabric Production  
MA22Q—Carpets and Rugs  
MA23D—Gloves and Mittens  
MA24T—Lumber Production and Mill Stocks  
MA28A—Inorganic Chemicals  
MA28B—Inorganic Fertilizer Materials and Related Products  
MA28C—Industrial Gases  
MA28F—Paint and Allied Products  
MA28G—Pharmaceutical Preparations, except Biologicals  
MA31A—Footwear  
MA32C—Refractories  
MA32E—Consumer, Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Glassware  
MA33A—Ferrous Castings  
MA33B—Steel Mill Products  
MA33E—Nonferrous Castings  
MA33L—Insulated Wire and Cable  
MA34K—Steel Shipping Drums and Pails  
MA35A—Farm Machinery and Lawn and Garden Equipment  
MA35D—Construction Machinery  
MA35F—Mining Machinery and Mineral Processing Equipment  
MA35J—Selected Industrial Air Pollution Control Equipment  
MA35L—Internal Combustion Engines  
MA35M—Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment  
MA35N—Fluid Power Products  
MA35P—Pumps and Compressors  
MA35Q—Antifriction Bearings  
MA35R—Computers and Office and Accounting Machines  
MA35U—Coin-Operated Vending Machines  
MA36A—Switchgear, Switchboard Apparatus, Relays, and Industrial Controls

MA36E—Electric Housewares and Fans  
MA36F—Major Household Appliances  
MA36H—Motors and Generators  
MA36K—Wiring Devices and Supplies  
MA36L—Electric Lighting Fixtures  
MA36M—Consumer Electronics  
MA36P—Communication Equipment  
MA36Q—Semiconductors and Printed Circuit Boards  
MA38B—Selected Instruments and Related Products  
MA38R—Electromedical Equipment

The following list of surveys represents annual counterparts of monthly and quarterly surveys and will cover only those establishments that are not canvassed or do not report in the more frequent surveys. Accordingly, there will be no duplication in reporting. The content of these annual reports will be identical with that of the monthly and quarterly reports.

M20A—Flour Milling Products  
M32G—Glass Containers  
M33D—Aluminum Producers and Importers  
M33J—Inventories of Steel Producing Mills  
M37G/A—New Complete Aircraft and Aircraft Engines, Except Military  
M37L—Truck Trailers  
MQ22D—Consumption on the Woolen System and Worsted Combing  
MQ23A—Apparel (short form)  
MQ23X—Sheets, Pillowcases, and Towels  
MQ32A—Flat Glass  
MQ32D—Clay Construction Products  
MQ34E—Plumbing Fixtures  
MQ36C—Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts

#### Survey of Industrial Research and Development

The Survey of Industrial Research and Development (R&D) measures spending on research and development activities in private U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles this information with funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The NSF publishes the results in its publication series. Four data items in the survey provide interim statistics collected in the Census Bureau's economic censuses. These items (total company sales, total company employment, total expenditures, and federally-funded expenditures for research and development conducted within the company) are collected on a mandatory basis under the authority of Title 13. Response to all other data collected for the NSF is voluntary.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, this survey has been approved by the OMB under OMB Control Number 3145-0027.

#### Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

The Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization is designed to measure the use of industrial capacity. The survey collects information on actual output

and estimates of potential output in terms of value of production. These data are the basis for calculating rates of utilization of full production capability and use of production capability under national emergency conditions.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, this survey has been approved by the OMB under OMB Control Number 0607-0175.

#### Conclusion

I have, therefore, directed that these annual surveys be conducted for the purpose of collecting the data as described.

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**James F. Holmes,**

*Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 7-98]

##### Foreign-Trade Zone 1, New York, New York; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the City of New York, grantee of FTZ 1, requesting authority to expand its zone in New York, New York, within the New York Seaport Area Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the FTZ Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on February 5, 1998.

FTZ 1 was approved on January 30, 1936 (Board Order 2) and expanded on June 27, 1974 (Board Order 99, 39 F.R. 24541, 7/3/74). The zone project currently consists of Site 1 (approx. 1 million sq. ft.)—Building 77, Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

The applicant now requests authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site (*Proposed Site 2*, 352 acres, 2 contiguous parcels), consisting of the Howland Hook Marine Terminal (HHMT) facility (227 acres), N. Washington and Western Avenues, Staten Island, and the adjacent Port Ivory facility (125 acres), Richmond Terrace and Western Avenue, Staten Island. The HHMT facility is owned by the City of New York and operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The Port Ivory facility, a closed manufacturing complex owned by The Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company, is available for multi-tenant