

characteristics of multi-establishment companies.

The SSEL 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 SSEL's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the SSEL must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example, name and address).

- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on a number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 1999–2001 COS in the same manner as the 1998 COS. These collections will direct inquiries to approximately 80,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate over 1.1 million establishments. This panel will be drawn from the SSEL universe of nearly 200,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate 1.6 million establishments. Additionally, the panel will include approximately 10,000 new single-establishment companies that will become active during 1999.

The mailing list for the 1999 COS will include a certainty component, consisting of all multi-establishment companies with 50 or more employees, and those multi-establishment companies with administrative record values that indicate organizational changes. The mailing list also will include new entities that are most likely to report affiliation with multi-establishment companies. A non-certainty component will be drawn from the remaining multi-establishment companies based on employment size.

All companies will receive the COS inquiries by mail, and most will respond by mail. As a test of new electronic reporting methods, a very small number of companies will receive and return responses by secure Internet transmission. Additionally, more than 1,300 larger enterprises (accounting for approximately 36 percent of covered establishments) will return their COS reports by other electronic means. All other survey respondents will return a paper questionnaire. Data content is identical for all reporting modes.

The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and will request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classifications, payroll, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

Additionally, the Census Bureau will pilot certain questions in the 1999–2001 COS in order to enhance future content. We will include questions on the number of leased employees working in the multi-establishment company, questions designed to improve the accuracy of establishment-level industrial classification codes, and questions on the inventory of Federal employer identification numbers belonging to the company. These additional questions will be directed to less than 500 companies.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0444.

Form Number: NC–9901.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000 enterprises.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.55 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 140,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2,100,000 @ \$15/hr.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 182, 195, 224, and 225.

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: April 27, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Employment Inquiry

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joyce A. Price, Bureau of the Census, 4301 Suitland Road, Room 1408, FB 2, Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 457–4899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BC–170, Census Employment Inquiry, is used by the Census Bureau to collect information such as personal data and work experience from job applicants. The BC–170 is used throughout the census and intercensal

years for short-term time limited employment. Applicants completing the form are applying for temporary jobs in office and field positions (clerks, enumerators, crew leaders, supervisors). This form is completed by job applicants before or at the time they are tested. Selecting officials review the information shown on the form to determine the best qualified applicants.

The BC-170 is intended to facilitate speedy hiring and selection in situations requiring large numbers of temporary employees for assignments of a limited duration. The use of this form is limited to only situations which require the establishment of a temporary office and/or involve special, one-time survey operations. The form has been demonstrated to meet our recruitment needs for temporary workers and requires significantly less burden than the Office of Personnel Management Optional Forms that are available for use by the public when applying for Federal positions.

Current efforts to hire an enormous temporary workforce for Census 2000 will significantly increase the usage of the BC-170. The 2000 Census is the largest peacetime mobilization of civilians that enumerate and account for the population of the United States. We expect to recruit approximately 2,900,000 applicants for census jobs.

Since the BC-170 is used regularly and does not change often we are planning to discontinue displaying the expiration date of the collection on the form to avoid needless reprinting. We are also redesigning the form to allow efficient keying of applicant information into the fully automated personnel/payroll system designed for use for the 2000 Census.

II. Method of Collection

We collect this information at the time of testing for temporary positions. Potential employees being tested complete a four-page paper application.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0139.

Form Number: BC-170.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,950,000 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 737,500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to the individual is his/her time for completing the BC-170.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, USC, Section 23.

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: April 26, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating five-year ("sunset") reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notices of *Institution of Five-Year Reviews* covering these same orders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa G. Skinner, Scott E. Smith, or Martha V. Douthitt, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-1560, (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-3207, respectively, or Vera Libeau, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, at (202) 205-3176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218 (see *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998)), we are initiating sunset reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations:

DOC case No.	ITC case No.	Country	Product
A-583-008	A-132	Taiwan	Small Diameter Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube.
C-489-502	C-253	Turkey	Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes.
C-489-502	C-253	Turkey	Welded Carbon Steel Line Pipe.
A-549-502	A-252	Thailand	Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes.
A-533-502	A-271	India	Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes.
A-489-501	A-273	Turkey	Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes.
A-122-506	A-276	Canada	Oil Country Tubular Goods.
A-583-505	A-277	Taiwan	Oil Country Tubular Goods.
A-559-502	A-296	Singapore	Small Diameter Standard & Rectangular Pipe & Tube.
A-508-602	A-318	Israel	Oil Country Tubular Goods.
C-508-601	A-271	Israel	Oil Country Tubular Goods.
A-583-803	A-410	Taiwan	Light Walled Rectangular Tubing.
A-357-802	A-409	Argentina	Light Walled Rectangular Tubing.
A-351-809	A-532	Brazil	Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe.
A-580-809	A-533	Korea (South)	Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe.
A-201-805	A-534	Mexico	Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe.
A-583-814	A-536	Taiwan	Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe.