

Population Survey (CPS) sample and provide the only quarterly statistics on rental vacancy rates, and home ownership rates for the United States, the four census regions, inside vs. outside metropolitan areas (MSAs), the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the 75 largest MSAs. Private and public sector organizations use these rates extensively to gauge and analyze the housing market.

In addition, the rental vacancy rate is a component of the index of leading economic indicators published by the Department of Commerce. It is used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), National Association of Home Builders, Federal Reserve Board (FRB), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Department of Treasury, and the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA).

Policy analysts, program managers, budget analysts, and Congressional staff use data obtained from the remaining questions that do not deal specifically with the vacancy rate to advise the executive and legislative branches of government with respect to number and characteristics of units available for occupancy and the suitability of housing initiatives.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, and Title 29, U.S.C. Section 1.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin,

OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a joint meeting of the Census Advisory Committees (CACs) on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian Population, the Hispanic Population, and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations. The Committees will address issues related to the American Community Survey, the 2010 Decennial Census, and early 2020 Census planning. The five Census Advisory Committees on Race and Ethnicity will meet in plenary and concurrent sessions on April 28-29, 2011. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: April 28-29, 2011. On April 28, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. On April 29, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeri Green, Jeri.Green@census.gov, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CACs on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian Population, the Hispanic Population, and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations comprises of nine members each. The Committees provide an organized and continuing channel of communication between the representative race and ethnic populations and the Census Bureau. The Committees provide an outside-user perspective and advice on research and design plans for Decennial Census, the American Community Survey, and other related programs particularly as they pertain to an accurate count of these communities. The Committees also assist the Census Bureau on ways that

census data can best be disseminated to diverse race and ethnic populations and other users. The Committees are established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

All meetings are open to the public. A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment on April 29. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to Ms. Jeri Green at least three days before the meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, April 25, 2011. You may access the online registration form with the following link: http://www.regonline.com/reac_spring2011_meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as possible, preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call (301) 763-9906 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Dated: March 24, 2011.

Robert M. Groves,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Colorado, et al.; Notice of Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 10-034. **Applicant:** University of Colorado, Aurora, CO 80045. **Instrument:** Singer MSM System 300TSA. **Manufacturer:** Singer Instrument Co., Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** See notice at 76 FR 11200, March 1, 2011. **Comments:** None

received. *Decision:* Approved. *Reasons:* This instrument is unique because it has a motorized stage, which can be programmed to automatically move to predetermined positions, and the joystick electronic. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of its order.

Docket Number: 10–077. *Applicant:* University of Chicago LLC, Lemont, IL 60439. *Instrument:* Batch Furnace. *Manufacturer:* NGK Insulators Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 76 FR 11200, March 1, 2011. *Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. *Reasons:* This batch furnace includes high distribution of the sample (multiple trays), which allows for faster drying and greater uniformity than a conventional furnace. This batch furnace also has an oxygen control system that has a 10kg batch size. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of its order.

Docket Number: 11–001. *Applicant:* Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824–1226. *Instrument:* Diode Pumped High Speed Nd: YAG laser system. *Manufacturer:* Edgewave GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 76 FR 11200, March 1, 2011. *Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. *Reasons:* The main feature of the laser, which is particularly suited for the necessary application, is the beam profile ($M^2 < 2$) and energy stability over lengthy operation times, which is critical when quantifying combustion species using PLIF over different operation modes. This is the only laser that can do sub 10 ns pulses with all the different specifications. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of its order.

Dated: March 23, 2011.

Gregory W. Campbell,

*Director, Subsidies Enforcement Office,
Import Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Biotech Life Science Trade Mission to China

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (CS) is organizing a Biotechnology Life Sciences trade mission to China on October 17–20, 2011. Led by a senior Department of Commerce official, the mission to China is intended to include representatives from a variety of U.S. biotechnology and life science firms and trade organizations. The mission will introduce mission participants to end-users, prospective partners, and investors whose needs and capabilities are targeted to the respective U.S. participant's strengths and needs. Participating in an official U.S. industry delegation, rather than traveling to China independently, will enhance the participants' ability to secure meetings in China. The mission will include site visits to biotech industrial parks, government meetings, and receptions in Beijing and Hong Kong. Trade mission participants will have the opportunity to interact with Commercial Service (CS) specialists and State Department officers covering intellectual property rights issues and biotechnology to discuss industry developments, opportunities, and sales strategies.

Commercial Setting

U.S. biotech and life science firms often consider China the most important future market in terms of sales and clinical trial opportunities, and potential investment. China's enormous consumer base and impressive economic growth further reinforce the importance of the market for U.S. firms. However, China's legal and regulatory landscape often complicates market entrance for many U.S. firms. Since these trade policy issues are frequent topics of high-level bilateral discussions between the U.S. Government and the Chinese Government, a Trade Mission led by the U.S. Department of Commerce offers an attractive entrée for U.S. firms and associations in the Chinese market. With some 200 pharmaceutical companies operating in Hong Kong (with many involved in the fast-growing specialty of Chinese

Traditional Medicine), which possesses excellent research facilities and business infrastructure, regulatory linkages into the mainland, and a strong venture capital community, Hong Kong offers an ideal complement to a policy-centered mission program in Beijing. Hong Kong is also a leading center for bio-medical clinical trials in Asia.

The Biotech Life Science Sector

Despite the global financial crisis, China's GDP growth is widely expected to grow by approximately eight percent in 2011. While U.S. venture capital investment in biotech and life science companies has slowed, Chinese pharmaceutical and biotech industries are demonstrating a healthy appetite for funding novel, early-stage technologies. Major U.S. biotech firms have established licensing and partnering offices in China specifically to seek these opportunities.

Over 2,000 novel molecules have been patented in China, 96 are in clinical trials, and 27 new drugs have launched in the last five years, 20 of which are novel biologics. There are novel molecules at all stages of development in China, and Chinese companies and institutes are anxious to partner with Western companies for development and distribution of these valuable assets.

There are also over 300 clinical research organizations in China offering high quality services supporting drug discovery and development projects of major pharmaceutical and biotech companies worldwide. Many of these are willing to work on a risk sharing or collaborative basis with their sponsors.

Mission Goals

The short term goals of the trade mission to China are to (1) introduce U.S. participants to potential customers and strategic partners, including investors, (2) introduce U.S. participants to industry and government officials in China to learn about various opportunities, and (3) to educate the participants about trade policy and regulatory matters involved in doing business in China.

Mission Scenario

In Beijing, the U.S. mission members will be briefed by the U.S. Embassy's Counselor for Commercial Affairs, the Commercial Specialist for the biotechnology sector, and other key U.S. Government officials. Senior Embassy officials will host a networking event for the group with Chinese biotech and life science industry organizations and multipliers. In Hong Kong, U.S. participants will benefit from customized one-on-one matchmaking