

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Proposed Information Collection;
Comment Request; Quarterly Survey
of Plant Capacity Utilization**

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau,
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary Susan Bucci, U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division, Room 7K039, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763–4639 (or via the Internet at Mary.Susan.Bucci@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to continue the current OMB clearance for the Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization (SPC). The SPC is conducted quarterly, collecting from manufacturing plants and publishers, the value of actual production, the value of production that could have been achieved if operating at “full production” levels, and the value of production that could have been achieved if operating at “national emergency” levels. The survey also collects data on work patterns by shift. These data include hours in operation, production workers, and plant hours worked.

The primary users of these data will be the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The FRB will use these data in several ways. First, the capital workweek data will be used as an indicator of capital

use in the estimation of monthly output (industrial production). Second, the workweek data will be used to improve the projections of labor productivity that are used to align industrial production (IP) with comprehensive benchmark information in the Economic Census, Manufacturing and Annual Survey of Manufactures. Third, the utilization rate data will assist in the assessment of recent changes in IP, as most of the high-frequency movement in utilization rates reflect production changes rather than capacity changes. Fourth, the time series of utilization rate data for each industry, in combination with the FRB IP data, will be used to estimate current and historical measures of capacity consistent with the FRB production measures. The DLA will use these data to assess readiness to meet demand for goods under selected national emergency scenarios.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use the mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. We also offer an electronic version of the form for reporting via the Internet. Information for reporting online is included on the form. Companies will be asked to respond within 20 days of the initial mailing. This due date will be imprinted at the top of the form. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time. Subsequent to the letter, we will conduct a telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0175.

Form Number: MQ–C2.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Manufacturing and publishing plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,500 per quarter.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours and 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 62,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S. Code, Sections 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.

Dated: February 6, 2015.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Proposed Information Collection;
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School System Finances**

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David J. Gromos, U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division, Room 7K145, Washington, DC 20233; (301) 763–4659 (or via the Internet at david.j.gromos@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U. S. Census Bureau plans to continue the current Office of Management and Budget clearance for the Annual Survey of School System Finances. The Annual Survey of School System Finances is the only comprehensive source of public elementary-secondary school system finance data collected on a nationwide scale using uniform definitions, concepts, and procedures. The collection covers the revenues, expenditures, debt, and assets of all public elementary-secondary school systems. This data collection has been coordinated with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The NCES uses this collection to satisfy its need for school finance data.

Fiscal data provided by respondents aid data users in measuring the effectiveness of resource allocation. The products of this data collection make it possible for data users to search a single database to obtain information on such things as per pupil expenditures and the percent of state, local, and federal funding for each school system. Elementary-secondary education related spending is the single largest financial activity of state and local governments. Education finance statistics provided by the Census Bureau allow for analyses of how public elementary-secondary school systems receive their funding and how they are spending their funds.

II. Method of Collection

A letter is mailed electronically at the beginning of each survey period to solicit the assistance of the state education agencies. This letter officially announces the opening of the data collection period and requests some administrative data, such as the estimated date of submission, any change to the reporting format from prior year, and updated contact information for the state coordinator.

The survey form (F-33) contains item descriptions and definitions of the elementary-secondary education finance items collected jointly by the Census Bureau and NCES. It is used primarily as a worksheet and instruction guide by the state education agencies providing school finance data centrally for the school systems in their respective states. The Census Bureau collects almost all of the finance data for local school systems from state education agency databases through central collection arrangements with the state education agencies. The states transfer this information in electronic format over the Internet via file transfer protocol. The Census Bureau has also facilitated central

collection of school system finance data by accepting data in multiple formats.

Supplemental forms are sent to school systems in states where the state education agency cannot provide information on assets (F-33-L1), indebtedness (F-33-L2), or both (F-33-L3).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0700.

Form Number: F-33, Supplemental forms: F-33-L1, F-33-L2 and F-33-L3.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: F-33: 51; Supplemental: 3,658.

Estimated Time per Response: F-33: 56 hrs. 21 minutes; Supplemental: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,789 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1964]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 84 Under Alternative Site Framework; Houston, Texas

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Port of Houston Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 84, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B-53-2014, docketed 08-01-2014) for authority to reorganize under the ASF with a service area of Harris County, Texas, within and adjacent to the Houston Customs and Border Protection port of entry, FTZ 84's existing Sites 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 20, 26, 28 and 29 would be categorized as magnet sites, existing Sites 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23 and 24 would be categorized as usage-driven sites, and Temporary Sites 27, 30 and 32 would maintain their current zone designation;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 46249-46250, 08-07-2014) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendation of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 84 under the ASF is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone, to a ASF sunset provision for magnet sites that would terminate authority for Sites 1, 8, 10, 20, 26, 28 and 29 if not activated within five years from the month of approval and for Site 2 if not activated within the initial eight years from the month of approval, and to a ASF sunset provision for usage-driven sites that would terminate authority for Sites 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23 and 24 if no foreign-status merchandise is admitted for a *bona fide* customs purpose within three years from the month of approval.