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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

Action: Submission for OMB Review and Comments Request

Form Title: Annual Competitiveness Report Survey of Exporters and Bankers

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Our customers will be able to submit this form electronically.

Ex-Im Bank plans to invite approximately 300 U.S. exporters and commercial lending institutions that have used Ex-Im Bank's short-, medium-, and long-term programs over the previous calendar year with an electronic invitation to participate in the online survey. The proposed survey, modified from the previous survey to account for new policies and programs, will ask participants to evaluate the competitiveness of Ex-Im Bank's programs and how the programs compare to those of foreign credit agencies. Ex-Im Bank will use the responses to develop an analysis of the Bank's competitiveness.

The survey form can be viewed at www.exim.gov/pub/EIB00-02.pdf.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before (30 days after publication) to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV or by mail to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20038 Attn: OMB 3048-0004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles and Form Number: EIB 00-02 Annual Competitiveness Report Survey of Exporters and Bankers

OMB Number: 3048-0004

Type of Review: Renewal

Need and Use: This information will be used to fulfill the statutory mandate (Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 635) which directs Ex-Im Bank to

report annually to the U.S. Congress any action taken toward providing export credit programs that are competitive with those offered by official foreign export credit agencies. The Act further stipulates that the annual report on competitiveness should include the results of a survey of U.S. exporters and U.S. commercial lending institutions which provide export credit to determine their experience in meeting financial competition from other countries whose exporters compete with U.S. exporters.

Affected Public: This form affects entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services.

Annual Number of Respondents: 150
Estimated Time per Respondent: 35 minutes

Government Burden Hours: 137.5 hours (55 minutes per response)
Estimate Government Burden Cost: \$5,324.01
Frequency of Reporting or Use: Yearly

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