



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of Industry and Security**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Security and Critical Technology Assessments of the U.S. Industrial Base**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments by email to Nancy Kook, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, at [PRA@bis.doc.gov](mailto:PRA@bis.doc.gov) or to [PRAcomments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAcomments@doc.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0694-0119 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Nancy Kook, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, phone 202-482-2440 or by email at [PRA@bis.doc.gov](mailto:PRA@bis.doc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) conducts surveys and assessments of critical

U.S. industrial sectors and technologies. Undertaken at the request of various policy, research and development (R&D), and program and planning organizations within the Department of Defense and the Armed Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), NASA and other agencies, BIS research, data collection and analysis provide needed information to benchmark industry performance and raise awareness of diminishing manufacturing capabilities.

## **II. Method of Collection**

Electronic.

## **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0119.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 28,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 8-14 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 308,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* 0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Section 705 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, Executive Orders 12656 and 13603.

## **IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on

those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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