

received in interstate and foreign commerce. Also, that USDA may enter contracts or agreements with delegated or designated agencies to provide official inspection personnel to perform the services.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .16 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Grain producers, buyers, and sellers, elevator operators, grain merchandisers and official grain inspection agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3200.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 899.3.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 468,109.55 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cathy McDuffie, the Agency Support Services Specialist, at (301) 734-5190.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Sharon Vassiliades, ARTS, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-3649 or FAX 202 720-4628, telephone: 202 720-1738. All comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 28, 1997.

**James R. Baker,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Construction Project Reporting Surveys (CPRS)

**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 January 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 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 George A. Roff, Jr., Bureau of the Census, Room 2225, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233 on (301) 457-1605.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The Census Bureau, under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, conducts the following three Construction Project Reporting Surveys (CPRS): Private Construction Projects, State and Local Governments and Multifamily Residential. These surveys provide the dollar value of construction put in place by private companies, individuals, private multifamily residential buildings, and state and local government sectors. The C-700 form (Private Construction Projects) collects construction put in place data for nonresidential projects owned by private companies or individuals. The C-700(R) (Multifamily Residential Projects) form collects construction put in place data for private multifamily residential buildings. Form C-700(SL) (State and Local Government Projects) collects construction put in place data for state and local government projects.

The Census Bureau uses the information from the CPRS to publish the value of construction put in place series. Published estimates are used by a variety of private business and trade associations to estimate the demand for building materials and to schedule production, distribution, and sales efforts. They also provide various governmental agencies with a tool to evaluate economic policy and to measure progress towards established goals. For example, Bureau of Economic Analysis staff use data to develop the construction components of gross private domestic investment in the gross domestic product. The Federal Reserve Board and the Department of Treasury use the value in place data to predict the gross domestic product, which is presented to the Board of Governors and has an impact on monetary policy.

##### II. Method of Collection

The universes for these surveys are as follows:

(1) Private nonresidential and state and local projects are obtained from F.W. Dodge, a division of the McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company, for projects valued at \$50,000 or more in the United States, except Hawaii. Building permit notifications are used for sampling in permit-issuing places of Hawaii and for projects in areas not covered by Dodge.

(2) Multifamily projects are sampled from the Census Bureau's Housing Starts Survey.

An independent systematic sample of projects is selected each month according to predetermined sampling rates. Once a project is selected it remains in the sample until completion of the project. Preprinted forms are mailed monthly to respondents to fill in current month data and any revisions to previous months. To manage CPRS data, a database was created. A portion of this database is used for computer assisted telephone interviewing. Respondents are contacted on the day and time specified by them, thereby reducing their burden.

##### III. Data

**OMB Numbers:** 0607-0153 C-700 (Private Construction Projects), 0607-0163 C-700(R) (Multifamily Residential Projects), 0607-0171 C-700(SL) (State and Local Government Projects).

**Form Numbers:** C-700, C-700(R), C-700(SL).

**Type of Review:** Regular Review.

**Affected Public:** Individuals, Businesses or Other for Profit, Non Profit Institutions, Small Businesses or Organizations, and State or Local Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* C-700= 6,000, C-700(R)=1,440, C-700(SL)= 6,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .25 hrs per month.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* C-700= 18,000, C-700(R)=4,320, C-700(SL)=18,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The cost to the Government for this work is estimated to be \$2.702 million.

*Respondents Obligation:* Construction Project Reporting Surveys are voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Section 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: October 28, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

##### Export Trade Certificate of Review

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of revocation of Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 94-00004.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Commerce issued an export trade certificate of review to Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. Because this certificate holder has failed to file an annual report as required by law, the Secretary is revoking the certificate. This notice summarizes the notification letter sent to Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Morton Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202/482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") (Pub. L. No. 97-290, 15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1997). Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on July 13, 1994 to Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc.

A certificate holder is required by law to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018, Section 325.14(a) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(a)). The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review (Sections 325.14(b) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(b)). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(a)(3) and 325.14(c)).

On October 6, 1995, the Department of Commerce sent to Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. a letter containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due by August 28, 1995. Additional reminder letters were sent on July 18, 1996, October 18, 1996, and on January 3, 1997. The Department has received no written response from Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. to any of these letters.

On August 4, 1997, and in accordance with Section 325.10(c)(1) of the Regulations, (15 CFR 325.10(c)(1)), the Department of Commerce sent a letter by certified mail to notify Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate for failure to file an annual report. In addition, a summary of this letter allowing Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. thirty days to respond was published in the **Federal Register** on August 11, 1997 at 62 FR 42965. Pursuant to 325.10(c)(2) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.10(c)(2)), the Department considers the failure of Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. to respond to be an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter.

The Department has determined to revoke the certificate issued to Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. for its failure to file an annual report. The Department has sent a letter, dated October 28, 1997, to notify Allegheny Highland Hardwoods, Inc. of its determination. The revocation is effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register** (325.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 324.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11).

Dated: September 28, 1997.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 971023252-7252-01]

##### CFDA No.: 11.115; Cooperative Agreement Program for an American Business Center in Russia

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Background

On September 15, 1997, ITA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 48219) soliciting proposals to operate American Business Centers in five (5) cities in Russia and the New Independent States. Closing date for receipt of proposals was October 15, 1997. No proposals were received to operate a center in Novosibirsk. Accordingly, ITA is hereby providing notice that the portion of the September 15, 1997 (62 FR 48219) solicitation pertaining to Novosibirsk is canceled. Since ITA did not receive any applications under the closed solicitation, we are issuing this solicitation with revised requirements.

#### Summary

The International Trade Administration (ITA) is soliciting competitive applications to establish and operate an American Business Center (ABC) in Novosibirsk, Russia for a two (2) year multi-year award period. ABC Novosibirsk will encourage the export of U.S. goods and services and stimulate trade and investment in