

increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

**Anthony J. Meyer,**  
*Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and  
Technical Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economics and Statistics Administration

#### Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Economics and Statistics  
Administration, Department of  
Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee. The Committee will review and discuss evaluations of Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal operations and procedures, as well as plans for Census 2000. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, and they should prevent us from giving advance notice.

**DATES:** On Thursday, June 17, 1999, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5:15 p.m. On Friday, June 18, 1999, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 1647, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233; telephone 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and up to 40 member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee considers the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census. The Committee provides an outside user perspective about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Committee provides a targeted review focused on the conduct of Census 2000.

A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer on 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

**Robert J. Shapiro,**  
*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,  
Economics and Statistics Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee will meet on June 8, 1999, 9 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

## Agenda

### General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Wassenaar Arrangement implementation regulations.
4. Update on Commerce Control List Category 6 (Sensors and Lasers) regulations changes.
5. Presentation on Infrared Technology Market Trends.
6. Discussion of current export control issues.

### Executive Session

7. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. 20230. For further information contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Applications for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

**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 July 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instruction should be directed to Lanse Felker, Baldrige National Quality Program, Administration Building, Room 635, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1020, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020, (301) 975-2715, (301)948-3716 fax, Llsansing.felker@NIST.GOV e-mail.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Abstract

Applicants for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award must submit an eligibility application, and if declared eligible, an application package. NIST will use the eligibility application to determine if the applicant is eligible to apply and will use the application package to assess and provide feedback on the applicant's quality and performance practices.

##### Method of Collection

Applicants must comply in writing according to the *Application Forms & Instructions* booklet.

#### Data

*OMB Number:* 00693-0006.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Eligible U.S. organizations that choose to apply for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 100 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 10,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0—no capital expenditures required.

#### 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Report of Whaling Operations

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 26, 1999.

**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 should be directed to Kevin Chu, National Marine Fisheries Service, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543, (508) 495-2367.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Native Americans are allowed to conduct certain aboriginal subsistence whaling in accordance with the provisions of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). In order to respond to obligations under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, and the IWC, captains participating in these operations must submit certain information to the relevant Native American whaling organization about strikes on and catch of whales. Anyone retrieving a dead whale is also required to report. Captains must place a distinctive permanent identification mark on any harpoon, lance, or explosive dart used, and must also provide information on the mark and self-identification information.

The relevant Native American whaling organization receives the reports, compiles them, and submits the information to NOAA.

The information is used to monitor the hunt and to ensure that quotas are not exceeded. The information is also provided to the International Whaling Commission, which uses it to monitor compliance with its requirements.

##### II. Method of Collection

Reports may be made by phone or fax. Information on equipment marks must be made in writing.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0311

*Form Number:* None

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected public:* Individuals; State, Local, or Tribal government  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 52  
*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes for reports on whales struck or on recovery of dead whales, 5 minutes for providing the relevant Native