

**Attachment I**

**Department of Commerce  
United States Census Bureau  
OMB Information Collection Request  
2020-2022 Report of Organization  
OMB Control Number 0607-0444**

**BEA Letter of Support**

5/8/2020

Thomas Smith, PRA Liaison  
U.S. Census Bureau,  
4600 Silver Hill Rd, Room 7K250A,  
Washington, DC 20233

RE: *Federal Register* notice dated March 30, 2020 for Forms NC-99001 and NC-99007,  
Report of Organization (formerly known as the Company Organization Survey (COS))  
(OMB Number: 0607-0444)

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the U.S. Census Bureau's forms NC-99001 and NC-99007, for the 2020-2022 Report of Organization (RoO). This survey is critical to the data quality of many key components of BEA's economic statistics.

The importance of the RoO collected data cannot be overstated. Data from virtually every survey in the Census Bureau's Economic Directorate are used by one or more BEA programs. The information collected on the RoO is used to update the Census Bureau's business register, which in turn provides the updated sampling frame used in data collection for the Economic Census and business surveys. The resulting precision of the Economic Census and business surveys ensures that BEA appropriately captures the national, geographical, and industrial changes in the economy in its national income and product accounts, input-output accounts, gross domestic product by industry estimates, regional accounts, and international accounts.

Also, as described in Title 13, Section 401 of the U.S. Code, and the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, information derived from the RoO, is used in BEA's international program to improve sample frames for surveys of U.S. direct investment abroad, foreign direct investment in the United States, and international services transactions.

BEA supports the questions on ownership or control by domestic or foreign parent, ownership of foreign affiliates, leased employment, and cooperative organization. BEA also supports the request for changes to the inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classification, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll and annual payroll. These data will increase the usefulness of the survey for BEA.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to this survey. We are particularly

interested in any modifications proposed during the forms' approval process, which would substantially impact the various Economic Directorate surveys. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at [Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov). Should you need assistance in justifying this survey to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

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