

October 1, 2021

Mr. Thomas Smith
U.S. Census Bureau
4600 Silver Hill Rd
Washington, DC 20233

RE: *Federal Register* notice of August 27, 2021, for the U.S. Census Bureau's forms C-700, C-700(R), C-700(SL), and C-700(F) -- Construction Progress Reporting Surveys (OMB Number: 0607-0153)

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the U.S. Census Bureau for the C-700 forms, Construction Progress Reporting Surveys. The data collected on these surveys are a critical data source for key components of BEA's economic statistics.

Data from the C-700 forms are used to prepare components of both BEA's national income and product accounts (NIPA) and the industry economic accounts. In the NIPAs, data from these surveys are used to estimate private and state and local government investment in structures. For the industry economic accounts, data from the C-700 series are used in calculations for the benchmark and annual input-output accounts (I-O accounts), and gross domestic product by industry (GDP by industry). A list of uses for these data is provided in the attachment below.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms' approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

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Chief Economist

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BEA's Use of C-700 Forms, Construction Progress Reporting Surveys		
Form:	Description:	BEA Use:
C-700	Private Construction Projects	Non-residential structures in the NIPA and I-O accounts.
C-700(R)	Multifamily Residential Projects	Residential structures in the NIPA and I-O accounts.
C-700(SL)	State and Local Government Projects	<p>Structures components of government consumption expenditures in the NIPA.</p> <p>Gross investment component in the NIPA and the I-O accounts.</p> <p>Government fixed assets and government consumption of fixed capital in the NIPA.</p>
C-700 C-700(R) C-700(SL)		Construction gross output for the I-O accounts and GDP by industry.