

December 12, 2016

Ms. Jennifer Jessup
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer
Department of Commerce, Room 6616
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: *Federal Register* Notice dated October 14, 2016, for the Questionnaire for Building Permit Official, OMB Number 0607-0125

Dear Ms. Jessup:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Census Bureau for the Questionnaire for Building Permit Official. The data collected on this survey are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA's use of these data is indirect; the information from this survey is used in the Census Bureau's Survey of Construction to prepare estimates for the value of construction put in place series. These series are used by BEA to prepare estimates of the residential and nonresidential structures components of gross domestic product (GDP) and of the output of the construction industry for the input-output and GDP by industry accounts.

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 this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



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