Export-Import Bank of the United States SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL COMPETITIVENESS REPORT SURVEY OF EXPORTERS AND BANKERS

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The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) requests OMB's approval of the Annual Competitiveness Report Survey of Exporters and Bankers (hereinafter "Survey"). The Survey will provide Ex-Im Bank with information from private sector users that is necessary to evaluate the competitiveness of Ex-Im Bank's export programs vis-à-vis those offered by the export credit agencies (ECAs) of other major industrialized countriesBank is requesting a three-year extension of the Survey.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

- 1) The total number of users of Ex-Im Bank's medium-and long-term programs will determine the number of potential Survey respondents. Annually, there are approximately 200 unique applicants of medium- and long-term programs. In 2003, the Survey was adapted to be answered online so that it would be easier to complete and submit.
- 2) Because of the relatively low population size of applicants for Ex-Im Bank's medium-and long-term programs, the survey will be administered to the entire population of potential respondents, rather than from a sample of the population.
- 3) Ex-Im Bank will contact potential Survey respondents by email and by phone, if necessary, to encourage participation in the Survey.
- 4) Other than testing of the online Survey by Ex-Im Bank staff to ensure that the Survey works properly, no other testing will be done on the Survey.
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