

## Attachment A

### Proposed Changes to the BE-15 Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2008

- 1) Eliminate selected data items** – The following data items will no longer be collected:
- a) Selected balance sheet items: cash, current receivables, allowances for doubtful accounts, other current assets, other noncurrent assets, current liabilities and long-term debt, other noncurrent liabilities
  - b) The breakdown of sales of services to foreign persons into sales of services to the foreign parent group, to foreign affiliates owned by the affiliate, and to other foreign persons
  - c) The breakdown of employment and employee compensation by occupational classification
  - d) The breakdown of total employee compensation into wages and salaries and employee benefit plans
  - e) Composition of external finances (8 items)
  - f) Research & development employees
  - g) Imports of goods intended for further manufacture
  - h) Manufacturing employment by state
  - i) Gross property, plant, and equipment by state
  - j) Commercial property by state
  - k) Wholesale and retail trade items: cost of goods purchased for resale and inventory of goods purchased for resale

### 2) Raise reporting thresholds and increase use of sampling

BE-15 reporting thresholds based on assets, sales, and net income

Form For 2006	Current reporting threshold (2006)	Form for 2008	Proposed reporting threshold (2008)
BE-15 (LF)	\$125 million large majority-owned affiliates	BE-15A	\$275 million large majority-owned affiliates
BE-15 (SF)	\$30 million minority-owned and small majority-owned affiliates	BE-15B	\$120 million minority-owned and small majority-owned affiliates
BE-15 (EZ)	Used for sampling in place of the short form with selected U.S. affiliates on a rotating basis (usually in 1 of the 4 years between benchmarks)	BE-15 (EZ)	\$40 million with sampling (companies report only every other year)