

**Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration
Information Collection Request
2133-XXXX
Building American Production Capacity for Electric Port Equipment
and Other Port Infrastructure Items**

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Potential Respondent Universe

The survey is intended to obtain information and insights from member ports of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), marine terminal operator members of the National Association of Waterfront Employers (NAWE), and manufacturers of port equipment. The respondent universe is port authorities and marine terminal operators in the U.S. and U.S. and foreign manufacturers of cargo handling equipment (CHE) or other relevant port equipment.

2. Procedures for Information Collection

This information collection will utilize email for survey notifications, online survey platforms for port and terminal survey questions, or phone or online interviews with manufacturers. Supplemental means for follow-up discussions with survey respondents may include email and virtual meetings. Electronic data submissions are estimated at over 90% for survey responses. The remaining 10% of survey respondents will likely participate using a combination of phone calls and online meetings.

The contractor will use conventional spreadsheet software to compile and analyze results. It is expected that the analyses will consist primarily of descriptive statistics, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. No modeling or hypothesis testing is anticipated.

3. Methods to Maximize Response

AAPA will utilize its member list to identify interested port survey participants. The NAWE has indicated its willingness to distribute survey emails to its member marine terminal operators. Involvement from these organizations is expected to increase participation. The contractor will compile contacts for manufacturers. There will be multiple (2-3) email reminders and other follow-up efforts as appropriate to maximize response and both written and oral assurances of confidentiality. Respondents can participate using the electronic survey platform, phone call, or online meeting.

4. Tests of Procedures or Methods

Survey to be administered and interviews to be conducted by AAPA's contractor, using similar methods used to administer the Port Planned Infrastructure Investment Survey, which yielded good participation from members of the affected industry. The port and marine terminal survey will be implemented through an online survey platform (e.g., Survey Monkey), with options for direct response by email, phone interview, or online meeting. The survey of manufacturers will be conducted by phone or online meeting (Teams, Zoom) based on the respondent's preference.

5. Consultation Information

Survey to be administered by AAPA's contractor, The Tioga Group, Inc.

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