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To the National Institute of Standards and Technology:

I am a citizen in California, and I support extending the MEP Client Impact Survey (OMB 0693-0021). America First means making things here again, and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership helps small and medium-sized manufacturers compete. Taxpayers deserve clear proof of what that money buys, and this survey is how we get it. It is fine to run. I ask NIST to show its numbers, keep the survey current, and save respondents time.

1. Publish the real response data. The notice estimates 14,500 respondents a year but does not say how many clients are surveyed, how many complete the survey, or the response rate. Please publish those figures for recent years.

2. Publish what the survey costs NIST to run each year, including any contractor costs, so the public can weigh its cost against its value.

3. Review the questions at every extension. Keep the questions that produce useful data, drop those that do not, and add measures that matter now, such as reshoring, replacing foreign suppliers with domestic ones, and defense-industrial-base work.

4. Update the survey site to save time. Pre-fill answers from a firm's prior-year response and skip questions whose answers NIST already holds.

5. Check a sample of self-reported sales and jobs against Census or BLS records, and publish results center by center so the public can see which centers deliver.

6. State whether the 12-minute estimate was measured or assumed, and give the prior approved burden so the public can compare.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Respectfully,
Alec Snelling
California

This comment was crafted with super intelligence (SI) support.

Reconciliation Items

A. The notice title reads "Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval," while the SUMMARY states the notice allows 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the

collection to OMB.