data also apply to a variety of public and business needs. These data are not publicly available from nongovernment or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas E. Zabelsky, Chief, Current Services Branch, Services Division, on (301) 457–2766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on trucking and warehousing services for the period between economic censuses. The next economic census is in 1997. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

The Bureau of the Census needs reports only from a limited sample of trucking and warehousing firms in the United States. The probability of a firm's selection is based on revenue size (estimated from payroll). The sample will provide with measurable reliability, national level statistics on operating revenue and expenses for these industries. We will mail report forms to the firms covered by this survey and require their submission within thirty days after receipt.

A notice of consideration was published for this survey on December 6, 1994, Volume 59, Number 233, page 62709. This survey has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 96–511, as amended, and was approved under OMB Control Number 0607–0798. We will provide copies of the forms upon written request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: January 13, 1995.

Martha Farnsworth Riche,

Director, Bureau of the Census. [FR Doc. 95–1891 Filed 1–24–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–07–P

Minority Business Development Agency

Business Development Center Applications: Ponce, Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications to operate its Ponce Minority Business Development Center (MBDC).

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development services to the minority business community to help establish and maintain viable minority businesses. To this end, MBDA funds organizations to identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; to offer a full range of client services to minority entrepreneurs; and to serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business. The MBDC will provide service in the Ponce, Puerto Rico Metropolitan Area. The award number of the MBDC will be 02-10-95008-01.

DATES: The closing date for applications is March 1, 1995. Applications must be received in the MBDA Headquarters' Executive Secretariat on or before March 1, 1995. A pre-application conference will be held on February 15, 1995, at 9:00 a.m., at the Atlanta Regional Office, 401 W. Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 1715, Atlanta, Georgia 30308–3516, (404) 730–3300.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482–3763.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Robert Henderson, Regional Director at (404) 730–3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from June 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, is estimated at \$222,196. The total Federal amount is \$188,867 and is composed of \$184,260 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,607. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15%, \$33,329 in non-federal (cost -sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$222,196. Costsharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party inkind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. For those applicants who are not incumbent organizations or who are incumbents that have experienced closure due to a break in service, a 30day start-up period will be added to their first budget period, making it a 13month award. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: the knowledge, background and/or capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of minority businesses, individuals and organizations (45 points), the resources available to the firm in providing business development services (10 points); the firm's approach (techniques and methodologies) to performing the work requirements included in the application (25 points); and the firm's estimated cost for providing such assistance (20 points). An application must receive at least 70% of the points assigned to each evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. Those applications determined to be acceptable and responsive will then be evaluated by the Director of MBDA. Final award selections shall be based on the number of points received, the demonstrated responsibility of the applicant, and the determination of those most likely to further the purpose of the MBDA program. Negative audit findings and recommendations and unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for award. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA based on such factors as the MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost through non-Federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for services rendered. Fees may range from \$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," is not applicable to this program. Federal funds for this project include audit funds for non-CPA recipients. In event that a CPA firm wins the competition, the funds allocated for audits are not applicable. Questions concerning the preceding information can be answered by the