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General

Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2006 to 2015

Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC. Jan 2005, 190p. See also rept. for FY 2005-2014, PB2004-103748.

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This volume is one of a series of reports on the state of the budget and the economy that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) issues each year. It satisfies the requirement of section 202(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 for CBO to submit to the Committees on the Budget periodic reports about fiscal policy and to provide baseline projections of the federal budget. In accordance with CBOs mandate to provide impartial analysis, the report makes no recommendations.

Commercialization of Food Consumption in Rural China

F. Gale, P. Tang, X. Bai, and H. Xu.

Economic Research Service, Washington, DC. Jul 2005, 44p.

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Rural households in China have traditionally consumed food

mostly grown on their own farms. While they continue to rely on self-produced grains, vegetables, meats, and eggs for a large portion of their diet, rural households are now purchasing more of their food as they enter the mainstream of the Chinese economy. Cash purchases of food by rural Chinese households increased 7.4 percent per year from 1994 to 2003. Consumption has shifted from self-produced to purchased food at a rate faster than can be explained by income growth or changes in other household characteristics. The move away from self-produced food is associated with lower consumption of staple grains, the most important selfproduced food in rural Chinese diets. Food consumed away from home is one of the fastest growing categories of rural household expenditures, doubling in budget share from 1995 to 2001. Commercialization of food consumption is diversifying Chinese diets, broadening food markets, and creating new opportunities for retailers and product distributors.

Defense Commissary Agency Annual Report 2004

Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, VA. 2004, 28p.

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Development of Business Data: Tracking Firm Counts, Growth, and Turnover by Size of Firms

C. Armington.

Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Dec 2004, 52p. Also available on CD-ROM.

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Just over a few decades ago, data on U.S. industries were mainly focused on agriculture and manufacturing; thus, comprehensive data on small business were not available. Tremendous efforts were undertaken by individuals and organizations to obtain the extremely valuable data by firm size that are taken for granted today. Documentation was needed to chronicle the creation of these data sources so that users could understand the strengths and weaknesses of the data and so that later efforts to produce new data sources could benefit from the previous experience. Creating firm size data on the dynamic U.S. economy has been difficult. Administrative data involve delays for the purposes of capturing births, closures, corporate restructuring, mergers and spin-offs. Within the last quarter century, great progress has been made by government data agencies in overcoming the challenges to develop dynamic firm size data that will allow policymakers and academics to understand the role of new and small businesses in the U.S. economy.

Entrepreneurial Risk and Market Entry: An Office of Advocacy Working Paper

B. Wu, and A. M. Knott.

Wharton School, Philadelphia, PA. Jan 2005, 36p. Prepared in cooperation with Maryland Univ., College Park. Sponsored by Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Also available on CD-ROM. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Entrepreneurs, by their nature, are risk takers. The authors of this study suggest that there are two forms of uncertainty in entrepreneurial ventures: (1) uncertainty regarding market demand, and (2) uncertainty regarding one's own entrepreneurial ability. They further propose that entrepreneurs display risk aversion with respect to demand uncertainty, but exhibit overconfidence or 'risk seeking' with respect to ability uncertainty. To examine this view, the authors model the entrepreneur's entry decision. The research shows that entrepreneurs, while risk-averse in their role as risk-bearers, are willing to bear economic risk when overconfidence compensates for their aversion.

Entrepreneurship and Business Ownership in the Veteran Population

Waldman Associates, Arlington, VA. Nov 2004, 86p. Prepared in cooperation with REDA International, Wheaton, MD. Sponsored by Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Also available on CD-ROM. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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In recent years, increasing attention has been called to the entrepreneurial needs of America's veterans, particularly those veterans who have sustained a disability as a result of

their active-duty service in the armed forces. Growing concerns about the inadequacy of services to veterans and service-disabled veterans who either own or wish to start a small business climaxed with the enactment of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-50). This legislation included many recommendations of the Task Force for Veterans Entrepreneurship, an umbrella group including representatives of veterans organizations, in addition to individual veterans, which was originally created to advise the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) on how it and other federal agencies could better serve the veterans community. The Task Force continues make recommendations to federal agencies on how to best assist veterans, but it has also taken on a pro-active role in advocacy for veterans entrepreneurship before the Congress and the private sector.

Estimated Costs of Continuing Operations in Iraq and Other Operations of the Global War on Terrorism, June 25, 2004

Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC. 25 Jun 2004, 22p. See also PB2005-110266. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated the costs of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and other operations associated with the global war on terrorism (GWOT) for fiscal year 2005. CBO has also projected the potential 10-year costs of such operations under three scenarios were specified.

Evaluating Veteran Business Owner Data

Faucett (Jack) Associates, Bethesda, MD. Dec 2004, 78p. Prepared in cooperation with Eagle Eye Publishers, Inc., Vienna, VA. Sponsored by Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Also available on CD-ROM. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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The purpose of this study is to examine currently available data sources on veteran business ownership, to compare the quality of major data sources, to review existing literature on veteran business ownership, and to make recommendations. Policymakers need good data in order to make informed decisions on how best to serve veteran entrepreneurs. This study attempts to advance this purpose.

Feasibility Study for the Satellite Earth Station and Ultraviolet Space Telescope Project in Armenia. Volume 1--Final Report

SKY Broadband Services, Inc., Melbourne, FL. Jan 2005, 234p. See also PB2005-106431, Volume 2. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-106430WBE Price code: PC A12

The Cosmology Unit has contracted Sky Broadband Service, Inc., (SBSI) to perform a Feasibility Study for the Satellite Earth Station and Ultraviolet Space Telescope Project in Armenia. The first project is for a ground station, or ground stations that will transmit and receive viable wideband data from various satellites. The operation of this earth station complex will be developed and operate on a commercial basis by revenues generated from operations. In conjunction with the first project is to provide a CACSD and engineering design facility to evaluate the stability of non-linear space systems for control of satellite using a graphical user interface (GUI). International funding for the project will be sought based on a viable return on investment analysis. The second project is associated with the design, development, and placement in orbit of a space-based ultraviolet telescope. The telescope and all peripheries can be provided as a supplemental experimentation package to the international Space Station, or will be launched as a separate module on a new satellite. The primary goal of the space-based ultraviolet telescope is to produce an Ultraviolet Atlas of the Universe.

Feasibility Study for the Satellite Earth Station and Ultraviolet Space Telescope Project in Armenia. Volume 2, Attached Documents

SKY Broadband Services, Inc., Melbourne, FL. Jan 2005, 296p. See also PB2005-106430, Volume 1. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Financial Summary Tables. Department of Defense Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Part One

Department of Defense, Washington, DC. Feb 2005, 75p. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Financial Summary Tables, Department of Defense Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Part Two

Department of Defense, Washington, DC. Feb 2005, 121p. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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No abstract available.

Firm Size Dynamics of Industries: Stochastic Growth Processes, Large Fluctuations, and the Population of Firms as a Complex System

D. Teitelbaum, and R. Axtell.

NuTech Solutions, Inc., Arlington, VA. Jan 2005, 30p.

Sponsored by Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Also available on CD-ROM. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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With the emergence of various longitudinal data sources for firms, studies on business size distributions, business turnover, and business growth/decline have had a resurgence among the academic community. This study was conducted to better understand the dynamic nature of the growth and decline of firms in various size classes and industries. Firm growth rates do not fit the often assumed normal distribution. As a result, there are more slow-growing firms, more fast-growing firms, and fewer medium-growing firms than are generally modeled by economists. This finding held for all industries analyzed and growth rates were unrelated to establishment size.

Freight Technology Story: Intelligent Freight Technologies and Their Benefits

North River Consulting Group, Northmarshfield, MA. Jun 2005, 74p, FHWA/HOP-05-030. Sponsored by Federal Highway Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Freight Management and Operations. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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This report discusses advancements in information technologies and telecommunications that have improved the efficiency, reliability, and security of freight transportation and increased global connectivity. It also describes how these technologies work and the benefits they deliver, including the results from intelligent freight technology field operational tests (FOTs) and other initiatives.

Globalization: Numerous Federal Activities Complement U.S. Business's Global Corporate Social Responsibility Efforts

Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC. Aug 2005, 78p, GAO-05-744. Product reproduced from digital

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The trend toward globalization has intensified the debate about the proper role of business and government in global corporate social responsibility (CSR), which involves business efforts to address the social and environmental concerns associated with business operations. The growth in global trade and the dramatic increase in foreign direct investment in developing countries raise questions regarding CSR-related issues such as labor, environment, and human rights. U.S. firms with operations in many countries employ millions of foreign workers and conduct a range of CSR activities to address these issues. However, there is controversy as to the proper government role. GAO describes (1) federal agency policies and programs relating to global CSR and (2) different perspectives regarding the appropriate U.S. government role and views on the impact of current federal activities on corporate global CSR efforts.

Operations Programs (O-1), Department of Defense Budget, Fiscal Year 2006

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Washington, DC. Feb 2005, 26p. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

ADA436490WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

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Public Sector Value Analysis of Boston-Logan International's Terminal B Parking Garage

W. B. Blew, and K. B. Elenes.

John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA. 10 Aug 2005, 53p. The original document contains color images.

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The parking system at Boston-Logan International Airport may seem unglamorous to the average traveler, but for The Massachusetts Port Authority, its importance cannot be understated. Not only does the system provide a necessary service to great numbers of travelers every year, but also it generates income for MassPort that subsidizes many of its other activities. Using Accenture's Public Sector Value Model, we analyzed the public value creation of Logan's Terminal B Parking Garage. We created three outcomes consisting of three metrics each in order to conduct our analysis. Then, we used those outcome scores as the Y-axis and cost effectiveness as the X-axis in order to plot the results on a 2 X 2 matrix depicting public value creation. The garage services about one million customers per year and generates roughly 20 million dollars annually. However, four of the last five years have not produced the type of value creation necessary for the garage. While the events of 9/11 clearly had a negative effect, as they did on all airports, the biggest concern for this garage is its reaching of full

operational capacity. Our analysis showed that the garage has overextended its operational capacity. Because it has reached capacity, the garage's management can no longer realistically hope to significantly increase outcomes, and as costs inherently rise over time, lower and lower PSV scores will result. Each week brings more and longer closures, a larger parking gap, more revenue lost to damages, and lower customer satisfaction, while exits do not increase. Management will be unable to compensate for the higher costs because they will have few options by which to increase revenue. Since exits cannot increase, the only way to increase revenue is through an increase in rates, which is neither easy to implement or satisfactory to customers.

—Proceedings, Symposia, Etc.—

Regional, State, and Local Initiatives in Nanotechnology. Report of the National Nanotechnology Initiative Workshop. Held in Washington, DC., on September 30-October 1, 2003

S. Murdock, S. Crosby, B. Stein, and N. Swami.

National Science and Technology Council, Washington, DC.

2003, 80p. Sponsored by National Science Foundation, Washington, DC. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Nanotechnology is poised to become a critical driver of economic growth and development for the early 21st century. Cities, states, and entire regions have quickly recognized the potential and have begun to take steps to create nanotechnology clusters--concentrations of interrelated businesses based upon a common manufacturing process, set of customers, or both. Given the tremendous investments being made at the local, state, and Federal level, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO), on behalf of the other members agencies of the Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology Subcommittee, convened the workshop on regional, state, and local initiatives in nanotechnology. The primary aims of the workshop were to enhance the effectiveness of the efforts already underway and to collect resources and experimental perspective, the workshop also was convened as a forum to provide information about Federal programs relevant to such initiatives and to assist the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology Subcommittee and the NNCO in collecting and disseminating information about regional, state, and local initiatives.

Risk Retention Groups: Common Regulatory Standards and Greater Member Protections are Needed

Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC. Aug 2005, 124p, GAO-05-536. Product reproduced from digital image.

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Congress authorized the creation of risk retention groups (RRG) to increase the availability and affordability of commercial liability insurance. An RRG is a group of similar businesses that creates its own insurance company to self-insure its risks. Through the Liability Risk Retention Act (LRRRA), Congress partly preempted state insurance law to

create a single-state regulatory framework for RRGs, although RRGs are multistate insurers. Recent shortages of affordable liability insurance have increased RRG formations, but recent failures of several large RRGs also raised questions about the adequacy of RRG regulation. This report (1) examines the effect of RRGs on insurance availability and affordability; (2) assesses whether LRRRA's preemption has resulted in significant regulatory problems; and (3) evaluates the sufficiency of LRRRA's ownership, control, and governance provisions in protecting the best interests of the RRG insureds.

Taxes and Entrepreneurial Activity: An Empirical Investigation Using Longitudinal Tax Return Data

Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Mar 2005, 60p.

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Technical Assistance to the Mauritius Ports Authority for the Information Technology Implementation Plan

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Situated on the trade routes of three continents, and serving as the only port in the Mauritius, the Mauritius Ports Authority's (MPA) mission is 'to be an engine of growth in the country by facilitating trade and providing safe, efficient, and competitive port services.' As part of this mission MPA and State Informatics Limited (SIL) a Mauritius based Information Technology (IT) Company, conducted an internal audit. The audit identified that organizational efficiencies exist within MPA due to an absence of an electronic communication network, and organizational automation systems. The MPA/SIL IT Modernization Team outlined their IT modernization objectives which formed the basis of an RFP (released in March of 2002) funded by the United States Trade Development Agency, to hire an US based consulting firm to provide Technical Assistance to MPA with their IT implementation Plan as per the objectives set forth by MPA/SIL Team. Marine Design and Operations, Inc. (MDO Inc.) a maritime transportation consulting firm in the State of New Jersey, was one of several responders to this RFP. MPA decided to award the contract to MDO and formal contract between MPA, USTDA and MDO was signed in November of 2002. The Technical Assistance was to be provided in four main areas: (1) To prepare detailed Automation System Specifications; (2) To identify and evaluate the needs for training of the MPA staff and recommend an appropriate training program; (3) To assist the MPA with the tendering process by preparing the request for proposal (RFP); and (4) To assist with the tender evaluation and selection of the most appropriate solution/providers for the MPA.

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Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2003: The Value of the National Bank Charter

Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, DC. Nov 2003, 114p. See also rept. for FY 2004, PB2005-110299. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Created as a bureau of the Treasury Department by the National Currency Act of February 25, 1863, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) was charged with the responsibility of organizing and administering a system of nationally chartered banks and a uniform national currency. In June 1864, the legislation underwent substantial amendment and became known as the National Bank Act. It remains the basic statute governing the national banking system today. FY 2003 was a year of growth and success for the national banking system. Continued record earnings were used in part to strengthen bank capital, which was already at record levels. Most major income categories hit historical peaks. Deposits increased, too, as consumers reacted to the weak performance of equity markets by placing funds in the banking system. This increase in deposits, in turn, fueled continued growth in bank assets. Macroeconomic weaknesses did create some credit quality issues for national banks, particularly in the corporate lending area. But with the rise in corporate earnings, the worst part of the credit quality now appears to be behind us, and asset quality for national banks saw significant improvement last year. Overall, the national banking system today is safe, sound, and competitive-and the outlook is for further improvement as the economic picture brightens, as most analysts forecast.

Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2004. The National Banking System: Backbone of a Strong U.S. Economy

Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, DC. Oct 2004, 92p. See also rept. for FY 2003, PB2005-110298. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Created as a bureau of the Treasury Department by the National Currency Act of February 25, 1863, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) was charged with the responsibility of organizing and administering a system of nationally chartered banks and a uniform national currency. In June 1864, the legislation underwent substantial amendment and became known as the National Bank Act. It remains the basic statute governing the national banking system today. The fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 was another successful year for the national banking system. The system's earnings continued to be strong. Just as important, credit quality was good and improving - improving dramatically in some instances. Only in a few categories of consumer loans have we seen some slippage in asset quality, which the OCC continues to monitor carefully.

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) Aggregate Tables and Print Image File, 2001

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Washington, DC. 2001, one CD-ROM disc. See also PB2004-500143, PB2005-500175, PB2005-500176, PB2005-500177, and PB2005-500179. Raw data file is

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The HMDA Aggregate Reports are prepared annually by the FFIEC on behalf of institutions that report HMDA data. HMDA requires lending institutions to annually disclose their home mortgage and home improvement lending activity. The Aggregate Reports could consist of 33 tables per metropolitan statistical area (MSA) showing a summation of the mortgage lending activity of all institutions subject to HMDA in each MSA. The tables indicate the number and dollar amounts of lending, cross-tabulated by loan, applicant, and geographic characteristics. The Aggregate Reports data cannot be manipulated nor can the user add additional fields of reported HMDA data to customize specific reports. In addition, individual institution's data cannot be identified in the aggregated MSA tables. Aggregate Reports prior to 1996 included only mortgage lending data on applications/loans for properties that were located in MSAs where the institutions had home or branch offices. This data may be of interest to community groups, bank examiners, researchers, financial institutions, think tanks, the public, government agencies and non-profits. Some users analyze and monitor the data to ensure that the reporting institutions are serving the needs of their communities. Government officials use the data to make public sector investments and indicate to private investors the neighborhoods where their efforts are needed. The data can also help identify possible discriminatory lending patterns and assist regulatory agencies in enforcing compliance with anti-discrimination statutes. Other users perform market trend analysis and monitor the lending patterns of HMDA reporting institutions.

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) Census File, 2001

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Washington, DC. 2001, one CD-ROM disc. See also PB2004-500144, PB2005-500175, PB2005-500176, PB2005-500177, and PB2005-500178. Raw data file is available on (1) CD-ROM (\$250.00) or (1) 3480 cartridge (\$275.00). Documentation included. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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The Census Data file consists of geographic information (metropolitan statistical area, state, county, census tract or block numbering area (where available) and demographic information for the collection, reporting, and analysis of HMDA/CRA data. For years 1990-1995, the Census Data contained information used strictly for HMDA data collection and reporting. For years 1996-1999, the Census Data file became a combined CRA/HMDA file used for HMDA data collecting and reporting as well as CRA, which consisted of small business and farm lending, and community development data. The Census Data is most often used for reporting, verification, and analysis purposes. For instance HMDA reporting institutions and vendors use the geographical information (MSA/state/county/census tract and block numbering areas) shown on the Census to ensure that they are

using the correct Census information for a particular year and to verify that the geographical information reported for each record is a valid combination. The demographic data are used to help reporting institutions target the various income levels in determining whether they are serving the needs of their communities. Public organizations, researchers, community groups, and government agencies used the demographic data for analyzing income and racial compositions. Bank examiners also use several of the Census data fields in analyzing an institution's data to ensure that they are meeting the 'purpose' of HMDA collection and reporting.

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) National Aggregate Report, 2001

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Washington, DC. 2001, one CD-ROM disc. See also PB2004-500142, PB2005-500175, PB2005-500176, PB2005-500178, and PB2005-500179. Raw data file is available on (1) CD-ROM (\$89.00) or (2) 3480 cartridges (\$97.00). Documentation included. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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The HMDA National Aggregate Reports are prepared annually by the FFIEC on behalf of institutions reporting HMDA data. They are facsimile reports of HMDA data in table format. Depending on the reported data, there can be up to 33 tables, showing the number and dollar amount of lending, cross-tabulated by loan, applicant, and geographic characteristics. The number of loans and dollar values in some of the tables are too large to fully appear in the provided space. In these cases, scientific notation is used to present the data. For instance, if a value is shown as 2.045E7, this is equivalent to 20,450,000. The reports' data cannot be manipulated nor can the user add additional fields of reported HMDA data to customize specific reports. In addition, individual institution's data cannot be identified in the National Aggregate Report. For years 1997-1999, Table 3 was expanded to two pages in order to show the full values of the number of loans sold and the corresponding dollar amount to those sold loans. The Table 3 data were placed on a separate tape (one tape per year). In addition, Table 3 with the scientific notations remained on the 'universe' tapes for 1997-1999. The HMDA National Aggregate Reports are most often used for analyzing HMDA data. Financial institutions and government agencies more commonly use the software to perform market trend analysis and monitor lending patterns.

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) Reporter Panel 2001

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Washington, DC. 2001, one CD-ROM disc. See also PB2004-500141, PB2005-500176, PB2005-500177, PB2005-500178, and PB2005-500179. Raw data file is available on (1) CD-ROM (\$150.00) or (1) 3480 cartridge (\$165.00). Documentation included. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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The reporter panel contains the universe of all institutions that were expected to report HMDA data for a specified year. The reporter panel includes the respondent identification number and agency code along with the name, city and state of the reporting institution. In addition, it includes an institution's parent information (where available) and the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) where an institution is considered to have home or branch offices. Since the MSAs are included in the panel, the users can determine, along with the HMDA TS and LAR raw data, whether they are serving the needs of their communities and identify possible discriminatory lending practices. This data may be useful for community groups, bank examiners, researchers, financial institutions, think tanks, the public, government agencies and non-profits. This data can help identify institutions using discriminatory lending patterns and assist regulatory agencies in enforcing compliance with anti-discrimination statutes.

Treasury Forfeiture Fund Accountability Report, Fiscal Year 2004

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC. 2004, 84p. See also rept. for FY 2000, PB2002-104124. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110474WBE Price code: PC A06/MF A01

The Treasury Forfeiture Fund (the Fund) is the receipt account for the deposit of non-tax forfeitures made pursuant to laws enforced or administered by law enforcement bureaus that participate in the Treasury Forfeiture Fund. The Fund was established in October of 1992 as the successor to the Forfeiture Fund of the United States Customs Service. When the enabling legislation for the Fund was enacted, 31 USC 9703, it brought together all of Treasury law enforcement under a single forfeiture program. The Fund is a special receipt account. This means the Fund can provide money to other Federal entities toward the accomplishment of a specific objective for which the recipient bureaus are authorized to spend money and toward other authorized expenses. Use of Fund resources is governed by law, policy and precedent as interpreted and implemented by the Department of the Treasury which manages the Fund. A key precept for Fund management is longterm viability of the Fund in order to ensure that the Fund can support member-bureau seizure and forfeiture activities well into the future. The emphasis of Fund management is on high-impact cases that can do the most damage to criminal infrastructure.

Consumer Affairs

New Analysis Techniques for Estimating Impacts of Federal Appliance Efficiency Standards

J. E. McMahon.

Lawrence Berkeley National Lab., CA. Environmental Energy Technologies Div. 2005, 12p, LBNL-52945. Sponsored by Department of Energy, Washington, DC. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

DE2005-835151WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

Impacts of U.S. appliance and equipment standards have been described previously. Since 2000, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has updated standards for clothes washers, water heaters, and residential central air conditioners and heat pumps. A revised estimate of the aggregate impacts of all the residential appliance standards in the United States shows that existing standards will reduce residential primary energy consumption and associated carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 8-9% in 2020 compared to the levels expected without any standards. Studies of possible new standards are underway for residential furnaces and boilers, as well as a number of products in the commercial (tertiary) sector, such as distribution transformers and unitary air conditioners. The analysis of standards has evolved in response to critiques and in an attempt to develop more precise estimates of costs and benefits of these regulations. The newer analysis elements include: (1) valuing energy savings by using marginal (rather than average) energy prices specific to an end-use; (2) simulating the impacts of energy efficiency increases over a sample population of consumers to quantify the proportion of households having net benefits or net costs over the life of the appliance; and (3) calculating marginal markups in distribution channels to derive the incremental change in retail prices associated with increased manufacturing costs for improving energy efficiency.

Domestic Commerce, Marketing, & Economics

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2003-2008

Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Div. Lab. 2003, 28p. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109720WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

On November 25, 2002 President Bush signed into law the Homeland Security Act of 2002. One provision of this act divided the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) into two new agencies, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, which moved to the Department of Justice, and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) which remains in the Department of the Treasury. The two agencies split on January 24, 2003. ATF itself was one of the youngest bureaus in Treasury, dating back to only 1972. But its mission and predecessor agencies date back to the creation of the Treasury Department and the first Federal taxes being levied on distilled spirits in 1791. As ATF did before it, TTB will administer and enforce the Federal laws and implementing regulations related to the production and taxation of alcohol and tobacco products, as well as the statutes that impose Federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition. This is the TTB's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2003 - 2008.

Analysis of Global Competitiveness of Selected Industries and Clusters in the Appalachian Region

Faucett (Jack) Associates, Bethesda, MD. 5 Nov 2004, 184p. Prepared in cooperation with Economic Development Research Group, Boston, MA. Sponsored by Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, DC. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers);

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This study assesses the opportunities and challenges posed by trade liberalization to regional producers and exporters of goods and services within the Appalachian Region. Utilizing a number of manufacturing industry clusters for case study research, the study analyzes the export potential of regional manufacturing industries and evaluates the transportation infrastructure needs for expanded trade operations and shipments. The six industry clusters were selected based on findings from prior Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) studies, analysis of production and trade data, and discussions with representatives of the Export Trade Advisory Council (ETAC). These industry clusters include: auto parts, electronic components, wooden household furniture, upholstered household furniture, food processing machinery and packaging machinery. The study analyzed the overall competitiveness of these clusters based on an analysis of each sectors relative labor costs, labor productivity, capital investment trends, capacity utilization, industrial concentration, regional transactions, and environmental costs as they related to trends in foreign direct investment. In addition, the export potential of each sector was assessed based on regional analyses of world markets. A separate analysis was conducted of the export dynamics in service sector by focusing on the educational services sector in Appalachia.

Analysis of the President's Budgetary Proposals for Fiscal Year 2006

Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC. Mar 2005, 78p. See also rept. for FY2005, PB2004-104251.

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PB2005-110268WBE Price code: PC A06/MF A01

At the request of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has analyzed the Presidents budget request for fiscal year 2006 using its own economic assumptions and estimating techniques, with contributions from the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT). This report presents CBOs analysis of that budget, which provides more details than the preliminary report released on March 4, 2005. According to CBOs estimates, carrying out the proposals in the Presidents budget would result in a deficit of \$394 billion in 2005, equal to 3.2 percent of the nations gross domestic product (GDP). That deficit would be smaller than the one recorded in 2004, which totaled \$412 billion, or 3.6 percent of GDP. The estimate for 2005 includes outlays of \$32 billion resulting from the Presidents recent request for supplemental appropriations, mainly for military activities in Iraq. In 2006, the deficit under the Presidents budgetary proposals would shrink to \$332 billion, CBO estimates but the Presidents request for that year omits additional funds to continue U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Consequently, CBOs estimate of the budgets effects in 2006 reflects only outlays for those operations that would result from the 2005 supplemental request (a total of \$82 billion in budget authority) and from appropriations enacted for previous years. Additional funding to keep the operations at roughly the same level as expected for 2005 would add about \$40 billion to the 2006 deficit, bringing it to between \$370 billion and \$375 billion, or 2.9 percent of

GDP.

Awarding Attorneys' Fees and Managing Fee Litigation. Second Edition

A. Hirsch, and D. Sheehey.

Federal Judicial Center, Washington, DC. 2005, 176p. See also rept. dated 1994, PB2002-102805. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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In the federal courts, attorneys fees litigation arises in several contexts. Almost 200 civil statutes authorize fee awards to prevailing plaintiffs and, in some cases, prevailing defendants. Bankruptcy courts must approve requests for fees for professional services, including attorneys fees, in every Chapter 11 case and in other cases as well. In addition, common law permits courts to award fees when a suit results in a common fund or substantial benefit to a class of plaintiffs or non-parties. Judges also may award fees against parties or attorneys as a sanction for misconduct, under the courts inherent authority, or pursuant to several provisions in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Finally, the 1964 Criminal Justice Act authorizes compensation to court-appointed attorneys in criminal cases. In the aggregate, attorneys fees matters constitute a significant part of a federal judges workload.

Chance to Advance: A Look at Income Variability in the U.S

B. Khan.

Economics and Statistics Administration, Washington, DC. Jul 2005, 22p. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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People, over time, generally experience changes in income and economic well-being. Measures such as poverty rates and median income are useful for understanding general economic trends; however, these aggregates often mask the extent of income variability experienced by individuals. Longitudinal surveys, by tracking the same households over time, allow for the study of personal income dynamics. This paper uses data from the 2001 panel of the Census Bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to analyze income variability between 2001 and 2002, and builds on previous Census Bureau studies to analyze the change in income variability since the mid-1980s. Income variability is measured by the percent of individuals whose change in income ratio from one year to the next exceeded a minimum threshold amount. An individual's income ratio is defined as the ratio of that person's total annual family income to the family's official poverty threshold. If a person's family income is below the family's poverty threshold, that is, income ratio is less than one, then the person, as well as every other member of the family, is considered to be in poverty.

Chemical Industry R&D Roadmap for Nanomaterials By Design: From Fundamentals to Function

Energetics, Inc., Columbia, MD. Dec 2003, 102p.

PB2005-110125WBE Price code: PC A07/MF A02

For complete citation see International Commerce, Marketing, & Economics

Club Drugs: An Update. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Sep 2001, 16p, DEA-01026. See also PB2005-109600 and PB2003-106551. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Club Drugs is a general term for a number of illicit drugs, primarily synthetic, that are most commonly encountered at nightclubs and 'raves.' The drugs include MDMA, ketamine, GHB, GBL, Rohypnol, LSD, PCP, methamphetamine, and, to a lesser extent, psilocybin mushrooms. The drugs have gained popularity primarily due to the false perception that they are not as harmful, nor as addictive, as mainstream drugs such as cocaine and heroin. The dangers associated with this emerging drug market are that drug quality may vary significantly, and customers are often unaware that drug substitutions may occur when suppliers are unable to provide the drug currently in demand. This report provides an overview of the drugs primarily encountered at raves and nightclubs, with a discussion of the drug sources, pharmacological effects, and prices.

Country Brief: New Zealand, May 2004. Drug Situation Report. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. May 2004, 12p, DEA-04030. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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New Zealand plays a small but significant role in international drug trafficking. New Zealand is a transit point for drugs (mainly Southeast Asian heroin) bound for Australia or North America. Methamphetamine and 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA, a.k.a. Ecstasy) production, trafficking, and abuse have become concerns for New Zealand law enforcement authorities.

Country Profile: Australia, April 2004. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Apr 2004, 16p, DEA-04009. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Like other countries within the South Pacific, Australia is not a major drug cultivation center. It is a consumer of significant quantities of drugs, (in relation to its population size) such as marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine, with marijuana being the most popular and abused drug. Although drug seizures leveled off by the first half of 2003, seizures had been increasing since the mid-1990s.

Country Profile: Belize, March 2004. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Mar 2004, 14p, DEA-03078. See also rept. dated May 01, PB2005-109589. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Belize borders Mexico to the north, Guatemala to the west, and the Caribbean Sea to the east. It is a transit country for the movement of drugs, particularly cocaine, from South America to the United States. The geography of Belize and its proximity to Mexico make Belize an ideal transshipment point for drugs destined for the United States. Belize's vulnerability is exacerbated by the country's minimal security forces and poorly guarded land and sea borders. Air and maritime trafficking are the primary methods of cocaine smuggling for Belizean, Mexican, and Colombian organizations operating along the Belizean coast. Drug traffickers also use the western region of Belize to smuggle cocaine and marijuana from neighboring Guatemala into Belize for onward transshipment to Mexico.

Country Profile: Burma, May 2002. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. May 2002, 22p, DEA-02021. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Burma, Laos, and Thailand constitute the Southeast Asian opium and heroin-producing region, known as the Golden Triangle. In 2001, Burma surpassed Afghanistan as the largest opium and heroin producer in the world. Burma is also a major supplier of heroin to international markets. In 2001, estimated opium production was 865 metric tons, a decrease from the 2000 total of 1,085 metric tons. Adverse weather conditions and government eradication efforts in the Shan State, the primary growing area, brought production down to its lowest level since 1987. Between 1989 and 1997, yearly opium production was in the 2000-metric-ton range. In 2001, Burma accounted for approximately 80 percent of Southeast Asia's opium production, and approximately 69 percent of the world's opium production.

Country Profile: China, February 2004. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Feb 2004, 14p, DEA-03081. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109578WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

Several factors influence the current status of China in international drug trafficking. These factors include history, location size, population, and current economic conditions. China has one-fifth of the world's population and a large and expanding economy. Opium has played an important role in Chinese history since before the Opium Wars in the mid-1800s. China's large landmass, close proximity to the

Golden Triangle, and numerous coastal cities with large and modern port facilities make it an attractive transit center to drug traffickers. China's status in drug trafficking has changed significantly since the 1980s, when the country for the first time opened its borders to trade and tourism after 40 years of relative isolation. As trade with Southeast Asian countries and the West increased, so did the flow of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals from, into, and through China.

Country Profile: Costa Rica, December 2003. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Dec 2003, 14p, DEA-03045. See also rept. dated Apr 2000, PB2005-109576. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Costa Rica is a transshipment and staging area for cocaine and South American heroin destined for the United States and, to a lesser extent, Europe. Costa Rica's strategic location on the Central American Isthmus makes the country an important transshipment route for drug traffickers from Central and South America, especially Colombia-based organizations. The country's dual coastlines and the Pan-American Highway, which runs the length of the country, provide a variety of smuggling routes that are heavily used by traffickers. Drug traffickers use Costa Rica as a location to store and consolidate multihundred-kilogram cocaine shipments, as well as to stage heroin shipments for smuggling by means of couriers to the United States.

Country Profile: Guatemala, April 2003. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Apr 2003, 14p, DEA-03002. See also rept. dated Jun 01, PB2005-109593. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Guatemala's location between Mexico and the other Central American countries makes it an appealing and convenient transit country for drug trafficking organizations moving South American cocaine and heroin to Mexico, the United States, and, to a lesser extent, Europe. Go-fast boats and fishing vessels travelling within Guatemala's littoral waters, as well as containerized cargo aboard commercial maritime vessels, move substantial amounts of drugs northward to Mexico and the United States. Commercial vessels transport cocaine from Colombia into major Guatemalan ports to be offloaded. Typically, these shipments are destined for Mexico and U.S. ports along the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, small fixed-wing general aviation aircraft transport multihundred-kilogram quantities of cocaine to Guatemala from Colombia and Panama. The availability of numerous remote and unmonitored clandestine airfields, combined with the lack of an internal radar system, make the use of small aircraft very attractive to drug trafficking organizations. Finally, drug trafficking organizations use commercial tractor-trailers, private passenger vehicles, and passenger buses to transport illicit drugs overland via the Pan American Highway.

Country Profile: India, January 2004. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Jan 2004, 14p, DEA-03080. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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India is the world's largest producer of licit opium; however, a portion of the licit opium poppy crop is diverted to the illicit market. Opium, obtained both through diversion and from illicit poppy cultivation, is processed into heroin in India. The type of heroin that is most often found in India is a crudely refined heroin base called 'brown sugar.' India's large chemical industry produces a wide variety of precursor and essential chemicals, including acetic anhydride (AA), potassium permanganate (PP), ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and other chemicals used to produce amphetamine-type stimulants.

Country Profile: Mexico, 2003

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Nov 2003, 40p, DEA-03047. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Drug trafficking through Mexico has a tremendous impact on the United States. All major drugs of abuse in the United States are either produced in, or are transited through, Mexico. An estimated 70 percent of all cocaine originating from South America destined for the United States transits the Mexico-Central America corridor. Additionally, Mexico is the number one foreign supplier of marijuana to the United States, and is a major supplier and producer of methamphetamine and heroin. Mexico is also a transit country for MDMA and there have been indications that MDMA production has been initiated in Mexico. Mexico faces an array of drug-related problems, ranging from production and transshipment of illicit drugs to corruption, violence, and increased internal drug abuse. Powerful and well-organized Mexican organizations control drug production and trafficking in and through Mexico, as well as the laundering of drug proceeds.

Country Profile: Nicaragua, July 2002. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Jul 2002, 12p, DEA-02038. See also rept. dated Jul 02, PB2005-109574. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109575WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

Nicaragua is a transshipment and staging area for shipments of cocaine hydrochloride (HCl) and Colombian heroin to North America. Colombian and Mexican drug traffickers are attracted to the country's geographical location between Colombia and the United States. Historically, drug traffickers have used Nicaragua's long Pacific and Caribbean coasts for refueling and way stations en route from Colombia to points further north. As recent maritime interdiction efforts by Costa Rica

and Panama have advanced, traffickers have been forced to move more of their operations northward into Nicaragua. For overland shipment of cocaine, traffickers continue to use the Pan-American Highway, which runs the length of the country.

Country Profile: Panama, December 2001. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Dec 2001, 18p, DEA-01029. See also rept. dated Apr 00, PB2005-109573. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109572WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

Panama is the most strategically located country in the Western Hemisphere for drug trafficking and other criminal activities. Panama is a crossroads for international crime because of its location between South America and North America. Panama's location next to Colombia, its long coastlines, numerous islands, and the Panama Canal make it a key staging point for drug shipments originating in Colombia for further shipment north. Panama's 225-kilometer land border with Colombia, its roughly 2,800 kilometers of Caribbean and Pacific coastline, and over 1,480 islands make for an almost impossible task of policing its borders. Additional factors making Panama attractive to drug traffickers are the weak Panamanian law enforcement and public security institutions, the large sophisticated international banking sector, the Colon Free Zone (CFZ), and the cargo container port facilities on both ends of the Panama Canal. Panama is also an international commercial air hub, with flights to the Americas, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe. Panama's airspace is uncontrolled and there are several smaller domestic airports in addition to the Tocumen International Airport in Panama City. Panama continues to be a major financial and commercial center for illicit financial transactions and drug smuggling. Money laundering remains the most serious drug-related problem in Panama. Panama's large and sophisticated banking and trading institutions, its U.S. dollar-based economy, and its proximity to Colombia make it an attractive target for money laundering.

Country Profile: The Pacific Islands Region, August 2004. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Aug 2004, 12p, DEA-04012. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109579WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

Local, national, and international law enforcement agencies increasingly are concerned about the transshipment of cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and methamphetamine through the Pacific Islands Region. Furthermore, the Pacific Islands Region not only serves as a growing area for cannabis, but also as a production area for crystal methamphetamine, or ice, and as a money-laundering center for drug proceeds. Between 7,500 and 10,000 remote islands lay within this region, which have a combined land mass approximately the size of France. The isolation of the islands, midway between drug source areas in East Asia and South America, facilitates the illicit drug trade. Fiji, Tahiti, and Tonga appear to be significant transshipment points for drugs transiting the South Pacific. are discussed in separate country briefs.

Marijuana is the drug of choice in the Pacific Islands Region due to its availability and low price. Marijuana not only originates in the region, but also transits the region from other areas of the world. The Pacific Islands Region is becoming a significant transit and consumption area for crystal methamphetamine. China and the Philippines are the major sources for crystal methamphetamine, which transits through, or is consumed in, the region. Although there is very limited law enforcement reporting on laboratory seizures in the region, there are indications that Asian drug trafficking groups may be establishing crystal methamphetamine laboratories there.

Country Profile: Vietnam, November 2003. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Nov 2003, 10p, DEA-03050. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Since 1995, Vietnam has been designated as a major drug transit and production nation by the United States Department of State. Sitting astride the primary heroin trafficking route through southern China, Vietnam is regarded as a secondary transit area for the flow of Southeast Asian heroin to Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, and the United States. In addition to the ongoing problems with cannabis and opium poppy cultivation and usage, Vietnam is developing a synthetic drug problem-particularly with Ecstasy (methylenedioxyamphetamine/MDMA) and methamphetamine. Vietnam is also a significant source for sassafras oil, an essential oil in the production of safrole, a precursor chemical in the manufacture of MDMA by various criminal organizations.

Development of Business Data: Tracking Firm Counts, Growth, and Turnover by Size of Firms

Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Dec 2004, 52p.

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Economic Census, 2002: Oregon. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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Economic Census, 2002: Pennsylvania. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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Economic Census, 2002: Rhode Island. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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Economic Census, 2002: South Carolina. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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Economic Census, 2002: South Dakota. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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PB2005-110238WBE Price code: PC A11/MF A03

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Economic Census, 2002: Tennessee. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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PB2005-110239WBE Price code: PC A25/MF A04

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Economic Census, 2002: Texas. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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PB2005-110240WBE Price code: PC A99/MF E16

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Economic Census, 2002: United States. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC. Sep 2005, 98p, EC02-42A-1US. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S.

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PB2005-110198WBE Price code: PC A06/MF A02

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Economic Census, 2002: Utah. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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PB2005-110241WBE Price code: PC A13/MF A03

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Economic Census, 2002: Vermont. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC. Mar 2005, 138p, EC02-42A-VT. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110242WBE Price code: PC A08/MF A02

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Economic Census, 2002: Washington. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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PB2005-110243WBE Price code: PC A21/MF A04

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Economic Census, 2002: Wisconsin. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC. Aug 2005, 732p, EC02-42A-WI. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110244WBE Price code: PC A99/MF A06

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Economic Census, 2002: Wyoming. Wholesale Trade. Geographic Area Series

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PB2005-110245WBE Price code: PC A08/MF A02

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Effects of S.662 on the Long-Term Financial Outlook of the U.S. Postal Service

Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC. 1 Sep 2005, 20p. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110264WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (S. 662), ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on June 22, 2005, would make certain changes to the laws under which the United States Postal Service (USPS) operates. In response to your request

of August 29, 2005, the attachment to this letter examines the long-term effects of the bill on USPS's financial condition and the bills potential implications for taxpayers and postal ratepayers.

Entrepreneurial Risk and Market Entry: An Office of Advocacy Working Paper

Wharton School, Philadelphia, PA. Jan 2005, 36p.

PB2005-102162WBE Price code: PC A04/MF A01

For complete citation see General

Expenditures on Children by Families, 2003

Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC. Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. 2003, 40p, USDA/MPUB-1528-2003. See also 2001 Annual Report, PB2002-108384. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110194WBE Price code: PC A04/MF A01

Since 1960, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has provided estimates of expenditures on children from birth through age 17. This technical report presents the most recent estimates for husband-wife and single-parent families using data from the 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey, updated to 2003 dollars using the Consumer Price Index. Data and methods used in calculating annual child-rearing expenses are described. Estimates are provided for major components of the budget by age of child, family income, and region of residence. For the overall United States, child-rearing expense estimates ranged between \$9,510 and \$10,560 for a child in a two-child, married-couple family in the middle-income group. Adjustment factors for number of children in the household are also provided. Results of this study should be of use in developing State child support guidelines and foster care payments as well as in family educational programs.

Firm Size Dynamics of Industries: Stochastic Growth Processes, Large Fluctuations, and the Population of Firms as a Complex System

NuTech Solutions, Inc., Arlington, VA. Jan 2005, 30p.

PB2005-101701WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

For complete citation see General

Heroin Trafficking in Russia's Troubled East. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Oct 2003, 16p, DEA-03053. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109581WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

Russia's Siberian Federal District (Siberia) and the Far Eastern Federal District (the Russian Far East, or RFE) have experienced a surge in heroin trafficking and abuse over the past several years. The reasons for the increase are complex, but the combination of increased Afghan heroin production, increased trafficking via the Silk Road in Central Asia, weak border controls, and a diminished Russian economy has fueled traffic into areas of Russia that had

never experienced heroin on such a large scale. According to Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director, United Nations (U.N.) Office of Drugs and Crime, only 1 percent of Russian drug abusers used heroin in 1996; today, nearly 30 percent of drug users abuse heroin. Only Laos, Tajikistan, and Iran have higher opiate-abuse rates. The economic and social impact of heroin abuse and trafficking in Russia are substantial. Russian officials estimate that half of the heroin transiting Russia is intended for European markets, while the remainder is targeted for domestic use in Russia. Although the impact of this heroin trafficking in Siberia and the RFE on the United States is less dramatic, the potential for harm is great because Russia's Pacific seaports are controlled by powerful organized crime groups. As Central Asian traffickers establish themselves more in eastern Russia, the opportunity exists to collude with Russian crime bosses to export heroin to the more lucrative markets of the Pacific Rim and the United States.

Kingdom of Morocco, Ministry of Finance and Privatization. Technical Assistance for the Privatization of Moroccan Airports. Preliminary Evaluation of the Perspective for Privatization of Moroccan Airports. Final Report, Financial Model Documents. Volume 1

Aarotech Infrastructure Group, Inc., Oakton, VA. Apr 2005, 124p. See also PB2005-109001. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109002WBE Price code: PC A07

The US Trade and Development Agency (TDA) funded the feasibility study of Moroccan airports privatization. It will help probe the privatization project of some airports in the kingdom in a bid to upgrade services and infrastructure to meet growing air-traffic demand and develop a competitive edge. The report contains financial models.

Manufacturers' Utilization of Plant Capacity: 2004. Advanced Report for Fourth Quarter 2004

Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC. Aug 2005, 8p, MQ-C1(04)-1. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109752WBE Price code: PC A02/MF A01

The U.S. Census Bureau reports U.S. domestic manufacturing plants used an estimated 69 percent (-1 percentage point) of their full production capacity for the fourth quarter of 2004 and 64 percent (-1 percentage point) for the fourth quarter of 2003. Among the industries with the highest utilization rates for 2004 were petroleum and coal products manufacturing (NAICS 324) at 86 percent and paper manufacturing (NAICS 322) at 77 percent. Full production capacity is broadly defined as the maximum level of production an establishment could attain under normal operating conditions.

Methamphetamine: The Current Threat in East Asia and the Pacific Rim. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Sep 2003, 10p, DEA-03052. Order this product from

NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-109582WBE Price code: PC A02/MF A01

Methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse are problems affecting every country in the Asian and the Pacific Rim Regions. As early as World War II, methamphetamine abuse had become a scourge for Japan. During World War II, the Japanese Government (as well as the German, British, and U.S. Governments) used methamphetamines to keep their soldiers active for extreme amounts of time over long periods of engagement. After the end of World War II, large military stockpiles of methamphetamine found their way into the public sector. At one point in the early postwar years, Japan had approximately two million methamphetamine addicts in a population of only 88 million. Burma (Myanmar), China (People's Republic of China), and India are nations that play key roles in the production of methamphetamine in the East Asian and the Pacific Rim Regions. China and India are significant producers of precursor chemicals, such as ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, which are used in methamphetamine production. Burma and China are the two largest producers of methamphetamine. Burma is known for the production of methamphetamine tablets ('Ya-Ba'), while China produces crystal methamphetamine (called 'ice' and 'Shabu').

Minerals Management Service Five Year Royalty in Kind Business Plan, May 2004

Minerals Management Service, Herndon, VA. May 2004, 60p. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110429WBE Price code: PC A05

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has developed a Five Year Royalty in Kind (RIK) Business Plan that outlines business principles, objectives, and specific action items that will guide and evolve the Federal RIK program from fiscal years 2005 through 2009. The Federal RIK program has entered into an operational phase after six years of pilot project testing. This Plan provides a management blueprint for the RIK program over its first five years of operational activity. In the mid-1990s, MMS began exploring the potential for a broadly applied RIK program to increase efficiencies, decrease conflict, and enhance net revenues generated from oil and gas production royalties. Several pilot projects tested this approach under a variety of conditions for crude oil and natural gas, and for onshore and offshore production volumes.

National Compensation Survey: Occupational Wages in the United States, July 2004

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC. Aug 2005, 20p, BLS/SUMMARY-05-02. See also report for 2003, PB2005-100368. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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This summary presents aggregated national earnings data from the National Compensation Survey (NCS) for: Sectors of the

economy (private industry, State and local government, and total); Worker characteristics, including occupational detail; Establishment characteristics; and Geographic areas. The data in this summary are a subset of occupational earnings data from the NCS. The major types of data are available by sector of the economy-private industry, State and local government, and total. Similar data for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas are presented. Data is provided for specific occupations, including separate estimates for full- and part-time workers.

Societal Implications of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. NSET Workshop Report. Held in Arlington, Virginia on September 28-29, 2000

National Science Foundation, Washington, DC. Mar 2001, 284p. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Advances in nanoscience and nanotechnology promise to have major implications for health, wealth, and peace in the upcoming decades. Knowledge in this field is growing worldwide, leading to fundamental scientific advances. In turn, this will lead to dramatic changes in the ways that materials, devices, and systems are understood and created. The National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) seeks to accelerate that progress and to facilitate its incorporation into beneficial technologies. Among the expected breakthroughs are orders-of-magnitude increases in computer efficiency, human organ restoration using engineered tissue, designer materials created from directed assembly of atoms and molecules, and the emergence of entirely new phenomena in chemistry and physics. The study of the societal implications of nanotechnology must be an integral part of the NNI. An interagency effort within the U.S. Government, the NNI supports a broad program of nanoscale research in materials science, physics, chemistry, and biology; it explicitly seeks to create new opportunities for interdisciplinary work. It is balanced across five broad activities: fundamental research; grand challenges; centers and networks of excellence; research infrastructure; and, the ethical, legal, and social implications, including educational and workforce programs. This report outlines some potential areas for research into societal implications of nanotechnology. It has been prepared just as the NNI is commencing, when there is greater opportunity to affect the NNI investment strategy. Research on societal implications will boost the chances for NNI's success and help the nation take advantage of new technology sooner, better, and with greater confidence. Moreover, sober, technically competent research on the interactions between nanotechnology and society will help mute speculative hype and dispel some of the unfounded fears that sometimes accompany dramatic advances in scientific understanding.

Taxes and Entrepreneurial Activity: An Empirical Investigation Using Longitudinal Tax Return Data

D. Bruce, and T. Gurley.

Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Mar 2005, 60p. Also available on CD-ROM. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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The decision to start a business or engage in entrepreneurship depends in part on tax incentives. The U.S. income tax is a graduated tax, designed so that people pay an increasing percentage rate as their income rises through various tax brackets. The rate of tax paid on the highest dollars of income is the marginal tax rate. Currently, the tax code is largely blind to the source of income when one files a personal income tax statement. Historically, however, income from wages and salaries and income from entrepreneurial activities--running a business--were taxed differentially. This study explores the historical differences and subsequent standardization, largely stemming from the Tax Reform Act of 1986, to determine how marginal income tax rates affect an individual's decision to enter, remain in, and exit entrepreneurial activities.

Understanding the Tax Reform Debate: Background, Criteria, and Questions

Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC. Sep 2005, 82p, GAO-05-1009SP. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110009WBE Price code: PC A06

This report provides background information, criteria, and key questions for assessing the pros and cons of tax reform proposals, both proposals for a major overhaul of the current federal tax system and incremental changes to the system. It outlines the key issues that we address. First, we discuss how the size and role of the federal government drive the government's revenue needs. Second, we describe a set of widely accepted criteria for assessing alternative tax proposals. These criteria include the equity, or fairness, of the tax system; the economic efficiency, or neutrality, of the system; and the simplicity, transparency, and administrability of the system. The weight one places on each of these criteria is a value judgment and will vary among individuals. As we note, there are trade-offs to consider among these criteria, and we discuss how these criteria can sometimes be in conflict with each other. Finally, we turn to a consideration of the issues involved in transitioning from the current tax system to an alternative tax system.

Women in the Labor Force: A Databook, May 2005

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC. May 2005, 92p. See also report dated Feb 04, PB2004-106041.

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A major development in the American workforce has been the increased labor force participation of women. In 1970, only about 43 percent of women age 16 and older were in the labor force; by 1999, that figure had risen to 60 percent. From 1999 to 2004, womens labor force participation rate receded slightly to 59.2 percent, still well above the rates that prevailed throughout the 1970s, 1980s, and much of the 1990s. Along with rising labor force participation, women also made substantial inroads into higher paying occupations. In 2004, half of all management, professional, and related occupations were held by women. Womens earnings relative to

mens also have risen. From 1979 to 2004, womens earnings as a percent of mens increased by 18 percentage points, from 62 to 80 percent. The movement of women into the labor force and into higher paying occupations has gone hand in hand with their pursuit of higher education. For example, in 1970, only 11 percent of women age 25 to 64 had completed 4 or more years of college; by 2004, nearly 33 percent held a college degree. This report presents historical and current labor force and earnings data for women and men from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a national monthly survey of approximately 60,000 households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unless otherwise noted, data are annual averages from the CPS.

Yes, You Can. Two Small Towns Show How to Save Money and Water

Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC. Office of Water. Apr 1991, 12p, EPA-21W-7004. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

PB2005-110794WBE Price code: PC A03/MF A01

This document describes how two small towns saved water and money through carefully designed water conservation plans. They reduced energy costs as well because less water was pumped and treated and less heated for home and industrial use. This was done without significantly changing the life styles or reducing the quality of life of their citizens.

Foreign Industry Economic Development

Foreign Assistance: Middle East Partnership Initiative Offers Tools for Supporting Reform, but Project Monitoring Needs Improvement

Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC. Aug 2005, 48p, GAO-05-711. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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In December 2002, the U.S. Department of State (State) established the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) to promote democracy in the Middle East and North Africa. MEPI provides assistance for political, economic, and educational reform and women's empowerment. In fiscal years 2002-2004, State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) reviewed U.S. bilateral economic assistance programs in the region to ensure they were aligned with the new U.S. policy focus on promoting democracy and reform. In this report, GAO (1) describes MEPI's structure for managing projects and allocating funding, (2) examines MEPI's uses of the reviews, and (3) evaluates MEPI's project monitoring.

Reaching Mothers Saving Children Building Healthy Families: The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Annual Report on Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission of the HIV Infection, June 2004

Department of State, Washington, DC. Jun 2004, 34p. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product

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Since the launch of President George W. Bush's International Mother and Child HIV Prevention Initiative in 2002, the United States Government has focused significant resources on reaching HIV-positive, pregnant women with short-term antiretroviral (ARV) prophylaxis to prevent the transmission of HIV to their babies during delivery and in early infancy. The Initiative targeted fourteen countries in Africa and the Caribbean, and the Caribbean region, committing \$500 million over five years. The Presidents Initiative is focused on two areas: Increasing the availability of HIV preventive care, including ARV prophylaxis and treatment, for pregnant women; and Strengthening healthcare delivery systems to meet the needs of as many pregnant women as possible.

International Commerce, Marketing, & Economics

Agricultural Trade Preferences and the Developing Countries

J. Wainio, S. Shapouri, M. Trueblood, and P. Gibson. Economic Research Service, Washington, DC. 2005, 52p. Also available on CD-ROM. Microfiche reproduction is in black and white. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Nonreciprocal trade preference programs originated in the 1970s under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) as an effort by high-income developed countries to provide tariff concessions for low-income countries. The goal of the programs was to increase export earnings, promote industrialization, and stimulate economic growth in the lower income countries. This study analyzes detailed trade and tariff data for the United States and the European Union (the two largest nonreciprocal preference donors) to determine the extent to which the programs have increased exports from beneficiary countries. For those products where the margins of preference are large and where beneficiaries have a comparative advantage and the capacity to expand production, these programs can create adequate incentives leading to a growing export market. The analysis finds that the programs offer significant benefits for some countries, mostly the higher income developing countries. Economic benefits in the least developed countries have been modest. An unanswered question is whether these gains will continue after the incentives are reduced.

Chemical Industry R&D Roadmap for Nanomaterials By Design: From Fundamentals to Function

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Nanomaterials present a tremendous opportunity for the U.S. chemical industry to introduce a host of new products that could energize our economy, solve major societal problems, revitalize existing industries, and create entirely new businesses. The potential economic and societal contributions of nanomaterials have prompted U.S. Federal agencies participating in the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology Subcommittee (NSET) and U.S. chemical companies of all sizes to commit significant resources to nanotechnology research and development (R&D). The race to research, develop, and commercialize nanomaterials is global. To remain competitive, U.S. stakeholders must accelerate nanotechnology development in important areas such as catalysts, separations, high-performance materials, coatings, energy conversion and storage, sensors, electronics, pharmaceuticals, and diagnostics.

Common Vehicle Concealment Methods Used in the United States. Drug Intelligence Brief

Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC. Intelligence Div. Aug 2003, 10p, DEA-03040. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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Hidden compartments have been used by smugglers since the beginning of trade and the institution of prohibitions on certain products. Today's drug traffickers are no different from those of the past, except in the methods they employ. Traffickers smuggling their product and/or illegal proceeds into or through the United States use many low- and high-tech methods to conceal both their intent and their contraband from law enforcement authorities. Drug traffickers use various types of vehicles to conceal their contraband ranging from nondescript cars, commercial trucks, vans, and tractor-trailers, to the popular minivans driven by 'soccer moms.' How and where drugs are concealed is determined by a variety of factors that include, but are not limited to: the drugs themselves; the size of the vehicle; the final destination of the drugs (i.e., travel distance involved); law enforcement's awareness of current concealment methods; and the imagination of the traffickers and/or the fabricators of the concealed traps themselves.

Costs of Developing a Foreign Market for a Small Business: The Market and Non-Market Barriers to Exporting by Small Firms

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This study investigated the costs and difficulties small firms face when initializing export activity. This study used the case method to evaluate the export practices of nine (9) small firms in South Carolina, using CEO/VP interviews and secondary company information to augment the interview findings. The sample firms initiated exporting following a reactive strategy; generally responding to customer inquiries, rather than as the result of a carefully planned strategic initiative. None were heavily export oriented.

Opportunity costs, especially of time, are significant barriers to exporting or to increasing export behavior. Exporting takes time and energy that is more profitably sent on domestic operations. The sample firms identified transaction costs as problems to be anticipated and overcome, but not as insurmountable barriers to exporting. The sample firms depended heavily on modern information technology to initiate and support their exporting efforts. The sample firms' CEOs or vice presidents did not regularly use state of federal export assistance programs, although they were aware that such programs may be available to them. The barriers to exporting are situation-specific, thus reducing the substantive value of developing a definitive list of export barriers.

Countering Terrorism: Security Suggestions for U.S. Business Representatives Abroad

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The Department of States Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC), as well as American embassies and consulates, can assist business representatives with information on possible terrorist threats in foreign countries. The analytical staff of OSACs Research and Information Support Center can provide timely information on existing and potential terrorist threats prior to business travel.

Customs Trade Capacity Building in China Technical Assistance. Final Report

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In August 2003, the Global Alliance for Trade Efficiency (GATE) signed a contract with the General Administration of Customs (GAC or China Customs) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) for a trade capacity building project in China. In October 2003, the project was expanded to address the needs of the GAC. The project is being partially funded by a \$670,292 grant from the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). GATE and its member companies, in the form of in-kind and monetary contributions, will provide the remaining funds. Through the course of the project, the GATE team has developed a number of recommendations that, if implemented, would assist China's GAC in the drive toward modernization. These recommendations fall under five general categories: Business Processes; International Best Practices; Enforcement and Compliance Operations; IT Resources Analysis; and Trade Services Market Assessment.

Personal Security Guidelines for the American Business Traveler Overseas (Revised November 1994)

Overseas Security Advisory Council, Washington, DC. Nov 1994, 72p, DOS-PUB-10214. See also PB2005-109715. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product

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The Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) was established by the U.S. Department of State in 1985 to foster the exchange of information between American companies with overseas operations and the U.S. Government. Since that time, OSAC has developed into an enormously successful joint venture and a dynamic vehicle for effective security cooperation. As a part of these continuing efforts, OSAC has produced a series of publications designed to assist the U.S. private sector in meeting security challenges overseas. This booklet was developed to inform and make the American business traveler aware of the potentially hostile overseas environment in which they may be traveling or working. The information contained in this booklet will familiarize the traveler with personal security guidelines for traveling overseas. The potential hazards and vulnerabilities that are inherent in protecting/carrying sensitive or proprietary information while traveling are described, as are surveillance and/or targeting recognition, personal conduct abroad, hostage/hijacking survival and fire safety. There are several scenarios to traveling abroad that are addressed: first, the actual getting from point A to B; second, the airport; third, the hotel or temporary quarters; fourth, traveling within a foreign country; and, lastly, the office or work place. Each of these five situations presents different potential security problems.

—Foreign Technology—

World Trade Organization, (WTO), Annual Report 2005. Tenth Anniversary, 1995-2005

World Trade Organization, Geneva (Switzerland). 2005, 184p. See also PB2000-106833. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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The increasing public interest in the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) work since its creation in 1995 has been matched by a growing demand for more information about the organization and the multilateral trading system. The WTO Secretariat has worked to meet this expectation by expanding its information activities to include a broader range of publications, an extensive Internet site and numerous outreach activities. This Annual Report is a guide and compendium covering the institutional aspects of the WTO, its regular activities, the work of WTO Members, and the Secretariat's budget and staff. The World Trade Report, published at mid-year, provide research and analysis of problems and issues which currently confront the global trading system. In the fall of each year the WTO publishes its detailed compilation of International Trade Statistics. These annual publications constitute a comprehensive review of trade issues, developments and initiatives for each year. They are part of the WTO's continuing efforts to work in a manner which is transparent, informative and in tune with the expectations of the public around the world.

Minority Enterprises

Dynamics of Minority-Owned Employer Establishments, 1997-2001. An Analysis of Employer Data from the Survey of Minority-Owned Business Establishments

Y. Lowery.

Small Business Administration, Washington, DC. Office of Advocacy. Feb 2005, 40p. Also available on CD-ROM. Product reproduced from digital image. Order this product from NTIS by: phone at 1-800-553-NTIS (U.S. customers); (703)605-6000 (other countries); fax at (703)605-6900; and email at orders@ntis.gov. NTIS is located at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA, 22161, USA.

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This report tracks the dynamics of minority-owned employer establishments that were in operation in 1997 over the period 1997-2001. The data used here track business closure, expansion, and contraction by the business owners' race or ethnicity and by their state and industry. To provide context for the discussion of business dynamics, the report also gives a summary of minority population and business growth between 1982 and 2002.

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