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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

OFFICIAL COST ESTIMATE AND ACCEPTANCE
(REIMBURSABLE WORK OR SERVICES)

1. File Reference	2. Approp. code	2a. Project No.
67-72-209	419	9014

3. Date of Estimate	4. Sponsoring Division
May 5, 1972	Foreign Trade

5. Requested by

Mr. Donald R. Pogue
Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Co.
800 N. Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

6. Conditions of Acceptance. In response to your inquiry, there is described in item 7 certain work and the estimated cost thereof. The Bureau of the Census is willing to undertake this work subject to the conditions stated on the reverse of this form which are incorporated in this agreement, unless modified in item 7. If you wish to proceed with the work, please sign the original and green copy and return them with your check or money order made payable to Census, Department of Commerce, unless other financial arrangements are provided in item 7.

7. Description of work, estimate of cost, time for completion, special conditions, and reference to incoming communication

This is in further reference to your letter of April 11, 1972 concerning a special report on imports of Chlorinated Biphenyls (included under TSUSA Number 403.6000).

The information that you have requested is not shown separately or summarized in the form you desire in our regular statistics. However, it might be possible to obtain or summarize the information from the basic records on file at this office and furnish it to you on a cost basis. In order to determine whether the information can be compiled from our basic records, it will be necessary for us to conduct a preliminary investigation which will cost $125. From this investigation we will be able to determine (1) whether the information can be furnished, and (2) what the cost will be to provide the special information you need (this may generally range from $200 to several thousand dollars for data covering a twelve month period). We shall advise you of our findings and furnish you with an official estimate of the cost of preparing the special report, assuming it can be compiled.

If you wish us to proceed with the preliminary investigation, please sign the original and green copies of this agreement and return them with your check or money order in the amount of $125 made payable to Census, Department of Commerce. Upon receipt of your check for $125, we shall proceed with the investigation which we estimate will be completed within 6 to 8 weeks. The general conditions under which special reports are prepared, and the reasons why preliminary investigations are necessary in some cases, are described in the enclosed reprint of an article describing the Bureau's policy on cost reports.

Enclosures

Please note: The estimated annual cost of the report (if it can be prepared) will be approximately $10,000.

☒ The amount stated above will be the final charge for the work described, provided agreement is concluded within 90 days of the date of estimate (Block 3).

☐ The final charge will be determined by the actual costs incurred.

8. Approved for the Bureau of the Census by

Name Leonard R. Jackson

LEONARD R. JACKSON, Chief
Title ~~Foreign Trade Division~~

9. Accepted on behalf of the party stated in item 5, by

Name

Title

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CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

1. The authority to perform special work or services on a cost basis is contained in Title 31 U.S.C. 686 (47 Stat. 417), relating to services for Federal agencies, and in Title 13 U.S.C. 8 and Title 15 U.S.C. 189a (49 Stat. 292), relating to services for other organizations and persons. The performance of the work or services involved is authorized only to the extent that they are consistent with the proper performance of the basic public duties and obligations of the Bureau of the Census (hereinafter referred to as the Bureau) and the relative importance of this request to others. The right is reserved, therefore, to reject or terminate all or any part of the agreement and return the unused balance of funds advanced if the exigencies of the public interest should require such action.

2. Although every reasonable effort is made to avoid delays, failures and errors in the performance of its work, it is understood that the Bureau is not to be held responsible for delays, failures or errors in the services performed. The cost of recompilations, corrections, or accelerations must be paid for by the requesting party.

3. Under certain conditions, the Bureau is permitted to fix in advance the final charge to be made for the work described. If such conditions prevail, the left box at the bottom of item 7 on the face of this form will be checked. In all other circumstances, the final charge for the work will be based on the actual costs incurred. In such circumstances, if advance payment is made and actual costs are less than the estimate, the difference will be refunded. Occasionally, in such circumstances the actual costs may exceed the estimate and it is understood that the requesing party will be billed for and will pay the total cost incurred, including the excess over the estimate.

4. The information is furnished subject to the limitations and qualifications, if any, transmitted with the information and the requesting party will respect such limitations in any public use of the information. The Bureau reserves the right to specify that the material is for use of the purchaser only and may not be published, or to require clearance of any proposed publication of the information. If all of the basic data involved were collected under Government supervision or received by the Government in the regular course of business, the right is reserved to publish the same information and make it generally available without charge or at cost of publication if the Bureau regards the information to be of general public interest. If not generally published, subsequent requests for the same information by other commercial groups or private individuals received within prescribed time limits, will be charged for at a cost not less than that paid by the first requesting party, or the total cost of all parties prorated in an equitable manner as determined by the Bureau. In all cases, the Bureau reserves the right to keep a copy of the information in its files, to use such information for its own purpose, and, in case of any dispute or question involving the use of the information, to make such use of it as will best serve the public interest.

5. Ordinarily, the information, files and records are retained for a period of five years from date of origin. It is understood, however, that the Bureau is not obligated in any way to retain such files and records for any specific period and may dispose of them at such times and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, subject to the regulations of the General Services Administration.

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