

<b>Request for Records Disposition Authority</b> (See Instructions on reverse)		<b>Leave Blank (NARA Use Only)</b>	
To <b>National Archives and Records Administration (NIR)</b> <b>Washington, DC 20408</b>		Job Number <b>NI-375-09-1</b>	
1 From (Agency or establishment) <b>U.S. Department of Commerce</b>		Date Received <b>9/1/09</b>	
2 Major Subdivision <b>Bureau of Economic Analysis</b>		<b>Notification to Agency</b> In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
3 Minor Subdivision			
4 Name of Person with whom to confer <b>James Murphy</b>	5 Telephone (include area code) <b>202-606-2787</b>	Date	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>

**6 Agency Certification**

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached 1 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies

is not required       is attached       has been requested

Signature of Agency Representative <i>James Murphy</i>	Title <b>Records Manager</b>	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <b>08/28/2009</b>
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7 Item Number	8 Description of Item and Proposed Disposition	9 GRS or Superseded Job Citation	10 Action taken (NARA Use Only)
	See the attached list of record descriptions and requested Disposition Authorities.		Withdrawn Per Agency Request 1/14/2011 

### 1 Inputs

BEA receives data in electronic form from a variety of reliable sources. Most of the data, however, comes from over 400 surveys and other data collections sponsored by other Federal agencies, that is, from statistical agencies, aggregate tax data sources, administrative and regulatory sources, and private trade sources. The Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics are major data sources for BEA.

Disposition Temporary Delete or destroy after verification of information, when successfully entered and verified.

### 2 Databases

For internal processing of the economic accounts BEA utilizes Microsoft SQL Server databases.

Disposition Temporary Offsite daily and monthly backups, Delete or destroy when superseded or overwritten.

### 3 Outputs

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Because source data are received over time, BEA provides a series of estimates that are routinely revised to reflect more complete source data. For example, in regard to the estimates of Gross Domestic Product, there are three current quarterly estimates that are made for each quarter. These are labeled, in sequence, advance, preliminary, and final estimates. They are released near the end of each of the three months following the end of each quarter. In addition, three annual revision estimates are made for each quarter and are released in each of the next 3 years. Finally, there is a comprehensive revision that is made approximately every 5 years.

The major channel for electronic dissemination of this data is BEA's web site [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov).

Disposition of News releases Electronic records of previous news releases from July 1996 are maintained on [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov) and tape copies stored in offsite facility.

Survey of Current Business electronic issues (from 1994) of BEA monthly publication Survey of Current Business are maintained on [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov) and tape copies stored in offsite facility.

### 4. Methodology

Complete sets of methodology documents for the BEA economic accounts in electronic form are available on [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov) ([www.bea.gov/methodologies/index.htm](http://www.bea.gov/methodologies/index.htm)). These methodology documents describe the various concepts and methods and the procedures used to prepare BEA's national, industry, regional, and international accounts. These documents also describe any methodological changes in updating our accounts, major source data incorporated and any changes in presentation. As methods are improved newer versions replace the out of date methodology documents.

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