

## Taking Account...

### **New Foreign Direct Investment Data Available**

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the Census Bureau have released a new publication that presents detailed establishment data for U.S. affiliates of foreign companies in 2002. The statistics cover the number, employment, payroll, and shipments or sales of establishments of U.S. affiliates.

For manufacturing establishments, data are presented on a number of additional items, including value added, employee benefits, hourly wage rates of production workers, and expenditures for plant and equipment. In addition to data by industry, data are disaggregated by state and by country of owner.

The new publication was the result of a project that linked BEA enterprise, or company, data on foreign direct investment in the United States and the Census Bureau's establishment data for all U.S. companies. The project was authorized by the Foreign Direct Investment and International Financial Data Improvements Act of 1990.

An online version of the publication, *Foreign Direct Investment in the United States: Establishment Data for 2002*, is available on the BEA Web site at [www.bea.gov/international/](http://www.bea.gov/international/)

[fdius2002.html](http://fdius2002.html)>. The easy-to-navigate online version features searchable and bookmarked PDFs and tables that can be downloaded as Excel (XLS) spreadsheets.

### **BEA Papers Presented at Input-Output Conference**

Three papers by BEA economists were presented at the 16th International Input-Output Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey, July 2–7, 2007.

A paper by Jiemin Guo and Mark A. Planting extended previous work on a proposed approach that would better align the U.S. input-output (I-O) accounts with the *System of National Accounts 1993* guidelines, using data currently included in the U.S. I-O tables. The paper presented some advantages of such an approach. It would allow for better international comparability of the accounts, provide a more accurate measure of producers' contributions to the economy, and improve the presentation of the sources of supply to the economy by showing both domestic production and imports in a single supply table.

A paper by Dylan G. Rassier, Thomas F. Howells III, Edward T. Morgan, Nicholas R. Empey, and Conrad E. Roesch explained advances in the BEA model for

balancing the 2002 benchmark I-O use table and for reconciling the 2002 benchmark I-O accounts and the 2002 annual industry accounts. The paper presented the empirical model and discussed the technology used to solve the model. The upcoming release of the 2002 benchmark I-O use table will take advantage of this approach.

Finally, Sumiye Okubo presented her paper that proposed a framework for creating an industry-based research and development (R&D) satellite account. The paper detailed a method that would include R&D in the industry accounts to examine differences in R&D investment across industries and the impact of this investment among industries.

### **New Mapping Service for Regional Data Available**

BEA has launched a new interactive mapping tool to help users access and analyze personal income and related data. Specifically, the tool allows users to generate maps of the states, metropolitan areas, economic areas, and counties for every regional income and employment estimate. The data can be downloaded into a spreadsheet. See [www.bea.gov/regional/remdmap/remdmap.aspx](http://www.bea.gov/regional/remdmap/remdmap.aspx).