Preliminary Title: Did Innovation Intensive Industries and Regions Recover Faster from the Great Recession?

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR, ) [X] ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review: Manufacturing is important to the rural economy, providing relatively well-paying jobs at twice the rate of production agriculture. In this study, rural manufacturing plant survival during a fifteen year period, which includes two recessions and general manufacturing sector decline, is examined. An in-depth survey, the 1996 ERS Rural Manufacturing Survey, is linked to longitudinal employment records, facilitating examination of the relationship between survival and plant- and community-level factors. Results may be of interest to those advising policy-makers about possible tradeoffs between incentives to recruit/retain/expand branch plants and providing support for entrepreneurial, or smaller, independent, locally-owned plants.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [X] Individual Reviewers


Number of Reviewers: [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization

Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [X] Yes [ ] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [X] No