Activity 2-1

The US Commerce Department

**Directions:** Complete the following activity to learn more about the US Commerce Department.

Early in our civilization, people traded to get the goods they needed. This activity was an early form of commerce—the exchange of goods and services. Commerce is part of our economic history and it continues today in far more complex forms. Through advancements in technology, commerce activity occurs on a large scale and involves buying, selling, and transporting goods great distances, even around the world.

In the United States, commerce is overseen by the US Department of Commerce. To learn more about the department and what it does, go to: www.commerce.gov

Use the information and links on the website to answer the questions that follow.

1. Search the site for the mission statement. What is the mission statement of the US Department of Commerce?

<<Place Answer Here>>

2. Locate information about the leadership of the department. Who is the Secretary of Commerce? The Deputy Secretary of Commerce?

<<Place Answer Here>>

3. The US Department of Commerce includes many bureaus and offices. List ten of the bureaus and offices included within the department.

<<Place Answer Here>>

4. Describe the activities of the Bureau of Industry and Security.

<<Place Answer Here>>

5. Search the website for career opportunities with the US Department of Commerce. Identify a career opportunity that interests you and summarize the duties and qualifications of the position.

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