

water quality, air quality, noise or visibility.

Alternatives considered to the project as proposed were no action, a review of various alternative energy sources and their application, power demand and load management alternatives, and alternative sites. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed will allow KEA to provide adequate and reliable electric service to the customers in the Kodiak Island with a minimum of adverse impact.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at RUS at the aforementioned address, or may be reviewed at or obtained from the offices of KEA, P.O. Box 787, Kodiak, Alaska, 99615 telephone (907) 486-7700.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,

Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Housing Vacancy Survey; Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Submit written comments on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Oscar Perez, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3340, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 457-3806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is requesting clearance for the Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS). The current clearance

expires December 31, 1996. Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, authorizes the collection of the HVS. The HVS has been conducted since 1956 and serves a broad array of data users as described below.

We collect the HVS data for a sample of vacant housing units identified in the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) sample, which provide the only quarterly and annual statistics on rental vacancy rates and homeownership rates for the United States, the 4 census regions, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and the 75 largest Metropolitan Areas (MAS). Private and public sector organizations use these rates extensively to gauge and analyze the housing market with regard to supply, cost, and affordability at various points in time. In addition, the rental vacancy rate is a component of the index of leading economic indicators, published by the Department of Commerce.

Policy analysts, program managers, budget analysts, and Congressional staff use these data to advise the executive and legislative branches of Government with respect to the number and characteristics of units available for occupancy and the suitability of housing initiatives. Several other Government agencies use these data on a continuing basis in calculating consumer expenditures for housing as a component of the gross national product; to project mortgage demands; and to measure the adequacy of the supply of rental and homeowner units. In addition, investment firms use the HVS data to analyze market trends and for economic forecasting.

II. Method of Collection

Field representatives collect this HVS information by personal-visit interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. If a unit is vacant and intended for year-round occupancy, as determined during the CPS interview, we include it in the HVS sample. Approximately 4,800 units in the CPS sample meet these criteria each month. We interview individuals who have knowledge of the vacant sample unit (e.g., landlord, rental agents, neighbors). All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0179.

Form Number: There are no forms associated with this supplement. We conduct all interviewing on computers.
Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals who have knowledge of the vacant sample unit (e.g., landlord, rental agents, neighbors).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,800 per month.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,880.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$585,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 87-10A004.

SUMMARY: On December 1, 1996, the Department of Commerce issued an amendment to the Export Trade Certificate of Review granted to the Association for Manufacturing Technology ("AMT"). The original Certificate was issued on May 19, 1987 (52 FR 19371) and notice of issuance was published in the Federal Register on May 22, 1987.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.