

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New York State Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the New York State Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, at the T.J. Dulski Community Center, 129 Lewis Street, Buffalo, New York 14206. The purpose of the meeting is to convene a factfinding meeting for the purpose of gathering information on equal housing opportunities in section 8 housing in Buffalo.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson M.D. Taracido, 212-645-8999, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, November 18, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 961107314-6314-01]

RIN 0607-XX24

American Community Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182 and 225, I have determined that data from the American Community Survey are needed to evaluate a design to collect timely data for small areas and small subpopulations on a continual basis rather than every ten years. Government agencies use these data to distribute funding for various programs. The American Community Survey will also provide data for agencies to evaluate the performance of programs. The general

public uses the data to examine information like housing quality, commuting patterns, and regional age distributions for planning purposes. These data are not publicly available from nongovernment or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence S. McGinn, Assistant Division Chief for Continuous Measurement, Demographic Statistical Methods Division, on (301) 763-8327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major census authorized by Title 13, United States Code. The data from this survey will determine the feasibility of a continuous measurement system that provides socioeconomic data on a continual basis throughout the decade for small areas and small subpopulations. Currently, the decennial census is the only source of data available for small area levels and, therefore, these data are collected only once every ten years. A continuous measurement system also would provide a mechanism for identifying and sampling subpopulation groups for future surveys which will be of great benefit to the Federal Statistical System and provide data needed by other agencies.

This survey will be a full-scale implementation of continuous measurement in eight test sites. The survey will also include a national sample to test and evaluate questionnaire designs. We will also test follow-up for nonresponse cases for which we have a telephone number. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the decennial census every ten years.

The Census Bureau will select the housing units for the survey from a sample of eight sites selected to test full continuous measurement operations and a sample from designated areas around the country to obtain mail response rates. The Bureau will mail questionnaires to the households covered by this survey and require the submission as soon as possible after receipt. Participation of the selected households will be mandatory in accordance with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code.

This survey was approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for public use under OMB control number 0607-0810 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 104-13. We will provide copies of the forms upon

written request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the American Community Survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data for evaluation of the procedures related to a continuous measurement operation.

Dated: November 13, 1996.

Martha Farnsworth Riche,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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RIN 0607-XX23

Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that the Census Bureau needs to collect data covering annual sales, year-end inventories, purchases, and accounts receivable to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs. This annual survey is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). It provides, on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, year-end inventories, purchases, and accounts receivable balances for 1995 and 1996. These data are not available publicly on a timely basis from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Pienckykoski or Dorothy Engleking, Services Division, on (301) 457-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

The Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating retail establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 1996 Annual Retail Trade Survey. We